

# The Journal

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## North Checking Out

### Council schedules

The El Cerrito City Council meets every evening at the Community Center, when one of the issues on the agenda is scheduled to be aspects of city council meetings.

The Albany council's meeting scheduled for Monday has been canceled due to lack of a quorum. Deputy Clerk, Ann Ritzema announced, that Albany council session is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. at Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

### son on senior issues

Alameda County Supervisor Keith will speak on issues affecting senior community at the Albany Center 846, Masonic Ave. at 10 p.m. on Monday Jan. 5.

### Year's bus schedule

Transit will operate buses on a new schedule, a reduced level of service compared to regular weekday schedules, today as the East Bay joins the New Year's holiday. Buses will serve only to and from San Francisco on only routes: Line N - Leona - Arthur Blvd. - Oakland - S.F. and Alameda - Downtown - Oakland.

For more information is available by calling 24 hours a day in an auto-dial, voice-mail format that lists, by route, the days and hours of operation of the entire bus network. Detailed information tells callers which bus routes operate on Sundays and holidays—and which do not. Call 517-7777. Schedules also are available at some selected bus stops.

### Ways recycling

For the first time, El Cerritos will celebrate Christmas tree recycling. To ready your tree, remove and oil ornaments, lights, tinsel. The tree must be bare. No trees cannot be recycled. At the time of the curb on your scheduled yardwaste pickup or after Dec. 24.

Trees can no longer be brought to Cerrito Recycling Center. Phone: 237-4321.

In observance of New Year's, Recycling Center will be closed and there will be no curbside recycling pickup. Details: 215-4350.

### ting on Albany High

Albany Unified School District will conduct a special meeting on Jan. 10, at 10 a.m. at the High School Little Theater to design features for the new building and gymnasium of Albany High School. There will be an opportunity for public comment. Staff, and community comment on plans will be included in the pre-bid meeting Jan. 13. After the pre-bid on Jan. 13, the board will be further directed to the district's act about the design process.

### Garden Club meets

Environmental Anne Prescott will give a panel discussion on "Air, Who Needs It?" when the Garden Club meets Jan. 9 at the Senior Center, 7007 Mariner Lane, on Friday, Jan. 8 at 9:30 a.m. Other panelists will be Save the Foundation and director Sylvia Ogden and Karen Sotag of Camels for a Better Environment. Free welcome. A guest fee of \$3 is charged.

### Volunteers

Find out how you can volunteer at the VNA & Hospice of Northern Alameda. A few hours of your time could help your neighbors—patients to the elderly, who are 80+ of the VNA & Hospice, a not-for-profit agency providing home health care services to homebound seriously ill patients in your community. Free training begins Jan. 20. Variety of volunteering opportunities available. Classes meet every 12 weeks. Details: Toni (888) 600-7744.

## Why is this bulldozer smiling?

Officials try to put happy face on Avenue construction

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — It probably won't be pretty, although city officials say it might end up being fun. Coming soon to a Solano Avenue near you: destruction, pure, raw destruction, the likes of which Albany residents and business owners have not seen — literally — in decades.

Those who like watching their tax dollars at work will soon be hard-pressed to avoid it, as construction crews will descend en masse on Solano to create a newer, more pedestrian-friendly avenue. Although the end result will include wider sidewalks, better lighting and cherry trees blossoming in the spring, in the beginning, the six blocks of Solano from San Pablo to the BART tracks on Masonic will most likely resemble a war zone as much as anything else.

The project, slated to begin in early March and to end before the Solano Stroll in September, stems from a need to replace sewer lines and storm drains on the city's defining commercial thoroughfare. The good news is that, when all is said and done, city residents will have a newer, more walkable street. The

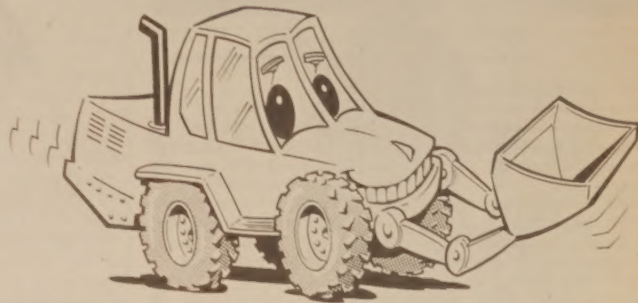
bad news, however, is that during the saying and doing, things will have to get ugly before they can be pretty again, and even worse, some businesses will be inaccessible for as long as a week at a time.

"You want to say (business will not be closed for that long), but you never know," says Bill Ekern, Albany's community development director. "You want to say no, but you don't know ... We'd like to think individual businesses will not be closed for more than a week. It's all just supposition at this point."

Already, the city is receiving bids for what will be its most sweeping capital project in decades, and expects to select a contractor in early February. Also, for 10 weeks beginning in January, city officials will go door to door along Solano, hoping to mitigate as best they can the inconveniences that stem from tearing out the very foundation of a street and, essentially, rebuilding it from scratch.

### The 'new' Solano

As of Dec. 15, plans for the new streetscape were 90 percent completed, right down to the new benches, trees and streetlights that



The happy bulldozer that will adorn notices about the Avenue project emphasizes the upbeat side of major construction.

will be in place, if all goes well, by September's Stroll. Overall, the sewer project will extend all the way to Pomona Avenue, although the six blocks between BART and San Pablo also be home to a completely revamped streetscape, with subsequent phases scheduled for the rest of Solano over the next four years.

The new Solano will be built on more of a pedestrian scale, with shorter, brighter streetlights, wider sidewalks and wider "bulbs" (wider portions of sidewalk at the corner) at intersections to increase the street's walkable space.

For example, the first block of Solano between San Pablo and Kains avenues will see removal of the magnolia trees in front of the Albany Cinema, with new, shorter streetlights, new "accent" trees and four additional feet of bulb at the intersection of Solano and Kains. Moving to the east, the project will tear out many more existing trees; overall, 29 eucalyptus and magnolia trees will be removed, to be replaced with 19 eucalyptus and 61 flowering cherry trees.

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## Albany in 1997: A look back

## Out with the old, in with the — ?

By Greg Hugunin

It was a good year for budgets, but a bad one for Villa Motels, a great year, in general, to sue the City of Albany, one of churches ringing anniversary bells. It was a year of recurrence, and the year of Portable High: a year of quiet progress, one of getting things done, and that mischievous twinkle in Bob Good's eye.

Or perhaps it was the year of the racetrack, or the year of the Intergalactic Stroll; the year Catellus left town, Ladbroke settled down, and the Citizens for Responsible Government went on a legal roll. Or maybe it was the year of the Team Member Spirit, the year youth were given plenty to do, the year APAL was formed, Portland Avenue got stormed, and if you held your breath waiting for a cardroom, you turned blue.

Or maybe, just maybe, we should say it was the year grouchy citizens found a bit less about which to grouse. The year 1997, of course, was all of these things, but above all was — the Year of the Tree House.

Though 1997 — or at least the first six months or so — proved a time in which Albany produced as many newsworthy events as could be desired, no story, at least recently, seems to have tickled our readers' fancies as much as the famous Santa Fe Avenue treehouse. With its 19-step stairway, majestic gated deck and group of neighbors fighting to bring it down with all the tenacity of the anti-cardroom CRG, the



By the second half of the year a back yard treehouse had become a center of attention in town.

treehouse has been much the subject of recent small talk, meaning that — in newspaper terms, at least — Albany is a city in which very, very little is going on.

### Deck shuffled, not dealt

In peeking through 51 back issues of *The Journal*, however, it is apparent that such has not always been the case. January, for example, saw a newly elected, cardroom-opposing majority on the City Council pass on an opportunity to breathe new life into the project, and then, a few weeks later — and under threat of possibly multiple lawsuits — reverse course and vote to continue, reversing the cardroom alive.

In hindsight, however, getting sued must have been unavoidable, as cardroom opponents refused yet again to take the matter lying down. That, in turn, set the stage for one of many 1997 sequels: *CRG v. the City of Albany II*.

Likewise, in January, residents of Portland Avenue found themselves in the middle of a rerun from 1996: a street awash in rainwater, toilet paper and raw human feces, courtesy of the City of Berkeley.

Add to the "again" column a return visit by the Association

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Demolition of Albany High School's gymnasium was done sooner than expected because of its seismic deficiencies and its proximity to the portables soon to be installed.

## El Cerrito-based counseling service is first of its kind

■ Counselors help college-bound gay students find the right school.

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Jeffrey Cook didn't have a bad time in college, but it wasn't an especially good time either. "I wish we lived in a whole world where I could have been comfortable with who I was. Being gay is not really accepted most of the time," he explained.

Earlier this year, Cook and partner Jeffrey Moss decided to do something to make the world a little more whole — they founded Christopher-David, a college advising firm that specializes in helping gay high school students find the best college match.

Cook, 25, said that he and co-founder Moss, 31, want the El Cerrito-based business to make money, but that's not their primary concern. "We hope to help those who were targets of intolerance or even actual violence in high school to have a positive educational experience in college," he said. "We want them to be where they can be themselves and be welcome," he added.

Cook, who has worked in New York and California in both under-

graduate and graduate college counseling, explained that Christopher-David first does a traditional college match. They look at the student's intended major, interests and grades. After doing the more traditional work, Cook says, "We then envelope in the fact that they are gay or lesbian."

Cook and Moss research the prospective institution looking at things like gay support groups, gay studies and they look at the college's anti-discrimination statement. "We also look for a diversity of curriculum," Cook said. They also study the entire community where the college is located looking for a tolerant, diverse setting. "The process can quickly become very complex," Cook explained.

"The kids and their families are paying too much nowadays to not choose the right college the first time," says Cook. He said Christopher-David is filling a void in traditional college counseling. "We're involved in a market segment that's never really been paid attention to," he said. Six to 7 percent of college bound students now use some type of private college advising. Cook says these traditional services cost "from a couple \$100 to a couple \$1,000," Christopher-David charges are based on a "liberal sliding scale."

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## Verdict upcoming in trial of EC mother

Bay City News

MARTINEZ — A judge hearing the case against an El Cerrito mother accused of child abuse in the death of her 680-pound daughter said Monday he will issue his ruling one week from Friday.

Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge Richard Aranson announced his plan after the conclusion of evidence in the trial of 48-year-old Marlene Corrigan, accused of felony child endangerment in the unusual case. Corrigan did not testify in the hearing.

Christina, 13, died Nov. 19, 1996 of apparent heart failure. Her body was discovered on the family's living room floor.

Prosecutors accused the mother of neglecting her daughter's escalating needs for medical treatment, as the girl's weight mounted and she refused to leave home. The woman's attorney has countered

that Corrigan was overwhelmed by caretaking chores at the time, not only for her daughter but for her elderly parents.

During the trial Cardoza accused Kaiser doctors today of failing the mother with an inadequate diagnosis and treatment plan.

Kaiser pediatrician Anjana Ray said she had advised Corrigan in 1986 to control her daughter's diet and boost her exercise levels after the child, then 3, weighed in at least 20 pounds overweight at 60 pounds. Under defense questioning, Ray acknowledged that she never referred the child to a specialist to probe the cause of her dramatic weight gain, and ordered thyroid hormone and blood tests only after Christina had ballooned to 185 pounds, triple her normal weight at the age of 5.

Cardoza said the Kaiser system

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Cat loving columnist ponders one president's 'Buddy'

WHAT'S IN A NAME? THAT DOG which we call Buddy by any other name would have turned the quick-change rulers of the waves of Whine Radio from harping on, and on, about who's buried in Arlington Cemetery.



By Phyllis Lyon

Without missing a scurrility, they took to clucking about how naming a dog after your uncle is immoral, destroys family values, yada yada yada.

I DO NOT BLAME President Clinton for bringing a dog into the White House even at this late date. Or for showing pride in his Arkansas heritage by naming the new pet after his beloved Uncle Buddy, the dog fancier.

Maybe The President took a leaf from Franklin Roosevelt's book. Once FDR's detractors rose up in a huff and spread a rumor that he had sent a destroyer to Alaska solely to retrieve his dog. He said that he could endure their picking on him, his politics and his family, but they had gone too far vilifying "my little dog Fala".

A JOURNAL READER WHO has perused this space before may be able to guess the real burr under my saddle. The President, Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea already had a First Pet! Not just a cat, but the first to live in the White House since Amy Carter's cat, Misty Malarky, was there, reminding me yet again why I'm a Democrat.

In an ideal world of pet equality, a cat would be sufficient to keep a President's homey image aglow. But in reality, feline racism reduces to none the mileage to be gained in saying, "my little cat Socks." Mutts, in-your-face sycophants though they

are, rule.

The frenzied media, after spatting about who knew the dog's name first, felt free to go out of their way to show up Socks' status as a second class pet. They dragged out the old cat-allergy prejudice, Socks' possible reaction to the ignominy of a dog moving in on him was bruited about as a cheap joke.

The photo op that gave my heartstrings a tug was a gratuitous picture of Socks leashed to a tree, a humiliation no cat should have to suffer. It's no doubt true that the immensity of the White House lawn mitigates against allowing him free range, but it was nevertheless a pitifully demeaning sight to see.

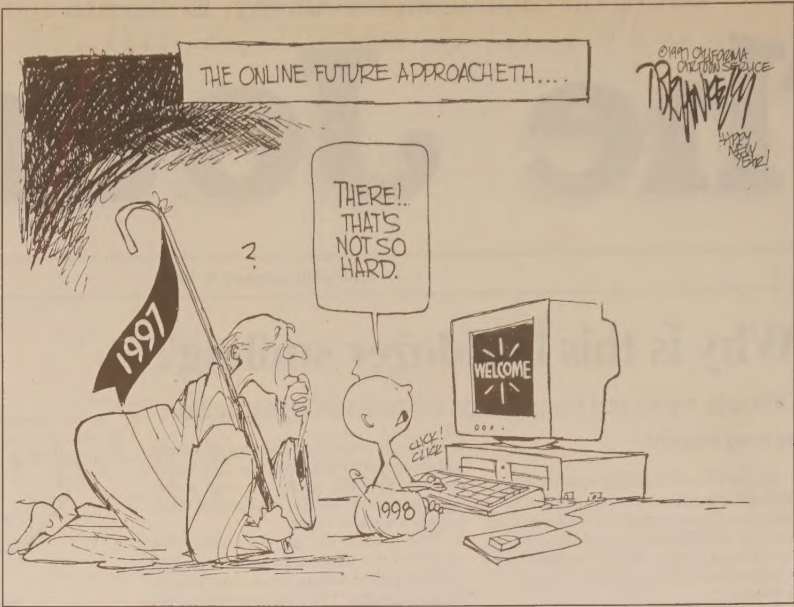
Put the word 'dog' on any council agenda, the canine rhetoric heats up while big bucks for another study, say, slips right on by unnoticed.

THERE'S ANOTHER FLY IN my ointment resulting from this petnaming episode. This space early on scooped the world press by revealing the names of celebrity pets. Sure, now there's journalistic

glory in putting it out that Thomas Jefferson had a mockingbird named Dick, Benjamin Harrison had a goat named Old Whiskers, Herbert Hoover, a dog named King Tut, Caroline Kennedy, a pony named Macaroni, and Nixon had Checkers, the pet that made slush fund as well as dog history.

But where were the headlines when I wrote here that Shirley Temple had a canary named Twink, Frank Sinatra, a dog named Girlie, Sigmund Freud, a dog named Jo-Fi, among others. There's no justice for cats or newshens.

IN SPITE OF SPITEFUL talk show hosts, my cat William and I favor naming animals after friends or relatives, living or dead. Fuzzy or even Fido is OK for a cute puppy, but is undignified in middle age. We believe everyone, human or animal, can use all the dignity he can muster.



From the Mayor's Desk

By Jane Bartke  
El Cerrito Mayor

City's issues require mutual effort to resolve

The year 1998 is presenting many important decisions to be made by the El Cerrito City Council and the citizens of the community.

Del Norte

The Del Norte BART station and the proposal for development on that site has gone through an intensive public input process. The final report was presented to the Redevelopment Agency on Dec. 15. The idea of a "megatheater" has firmly been put aside. The theater would provide the interest to bring many retailers into the area, but the impacts on San Pablo Avenue and the surrounding neighborhoods could be more than anyone would wish. The general feeling of those who participated in the public process was that a combination of housing, some retail of a neighborhood type, and possible offices, would be the most desirable. Whether a developer can get financing for this sort of mix is the next question. The Agency directed that a RFP (request for proposals) be circulated for the Mayfair property, and that Mr. Charles Oewel, the original applicant, be allowed to amend his proposal and resubmit a development in keeping with the public's desires. Mr. Oewel attended all the community sessions and heard the many wants and desires of the citizens. One or both of these proposals should be in front of the Redevelopment Agency this year.

Plaza

Another large concern of citizens is the future of the El Cerrito Plaza. Its four owners have not maintained the level of economic activity the public

wants, so the Redevelopment Agency has prepared to intervene. Since early September, the two largest property owners, American Stores (Lucky) and El Cerrito Plaza Company (Mr. Bilak), have been talking about joining together to enter an ENRA (Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement) with the city Agency. If successful for a period of six months the Agency would work only with the new partnership to develop the Plaza. Many of the retail stores and needs of the community are known to this consortium, and they are trying to interest as many retailers as possible in the Plaza. We will try to advise you as soon as we receive their proposal.

General Plan

Last August the Prince of Wales Architectural Institute came and spent two weeks on an intense study of the city, focusing along the San Pablo Avenue corridor. They had many suggestions to create more neighborhood areas. Many of you attended one or more of their sessions or have seen the television presentations. This was a good beginning to amend and update the City's 1976 General Plan. Most community input will be scheduled this spring and summer, with many more opportunities for all to share their ideas for the city.

City finances

A key issue before the citizens is to secure financing for the City. The 1998-99 fiscal year could see a deficit of over \$1 million. Because the City in 1992 had citizen input and put into place many fiscally conservative steps constituents recommended, we have a reserve (savings) that we can use for one year. But by the end of this year we must have financing in place that can not be

attached or taken by the county or the state. We have few options. We can cut back on many services that the city provides, but the only departments that have not already been truncated are police and fire. I'm sure the majority of citizens do not wish to see further cuts in those departments. That leaves us with the option of raising the needed money in other ways, and we need to work together to decide if we can pass a bond issue, a parcel tax, or some other form to finance the City. Your help will be crucial as we grapple with this problem.

Other issues

• Additional soccer fields for a growing team-spirited sport are needed. In the past, the City of El Cerrito and the West Contra Costa Unified School District have been able to work together to provide many of the recreational opportunities in the City. This year we will address the soccer field problems. Baseball youth leagues are concerned as well about the maintenance of the fields that they regularly use.

• Street resurfacing is proceeding on a five-year plan, as is care of the trees within the public right away

• The Public Safety building on San Pablo Avenue needs serious maintenance and upgrading. Ways to pay for it have not been found, but we cannot afford to have our Fire and Police headquarters in rubble if there is a major earthquake or other disaster. These are some of the concerns and issues for the community to address in 1998. There is much to be done. With new members on the City Council and a very interested community, together we should be able to resolve many of the above issues.

Letters

Meeting climate refreshing change

Editor:

It is with great pleasure I attended the most recent of the El Cerrito City Council meetings. It was refreshing to be present at an intelligent, informative interchange between public members of the Council, discussion that did not prearrange - or choreograph - beforehand. We owe a great appreciation to Gina Brown, Larry Damon and Jane Bartke who by their palace restored a measure of confidence in Council proceedings and a measure of confidence in the Cerrito's City Council is responsive to the citizen community.

Puzzled and perturbed

Editor:

I'm puzzled and perturbed to witness the consistent failure you show Christian rightists, fascists, sexists, ageists, bashers, tax evaders, destroyers of good government and planners of redevelopment with in our community. I suspect you are their buddies and that saddens me no end.

Slow down and adjust

Editor:

The weather is always a surprise — sunshine, rain, smog or plain or tulle. Slippery roads, streets and of course poor visibility.

You could be next! I-5 disasters, 880, 580 and just town streets carry drivers' capabilities. Anyone smart enough to have a driver's license should know that had road conditions call for extra caution.

Stay alert, don't tailgate, hurry is so urgent as to risk or maiming another driver, passenger or even yourself. don't blame the weather, as your driving to it.

Get home alive.

Rep.'s record on animal protection

Editor:

On behalf of the 5.3 million members and constituents of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) I commend Representative George Miller a perfect score on the HSUS scorecard for the First Session of the 105th Congress.

Representative Miller has a strong leadership on animal protection issues in this Congress.

The HSUS scorecard was based on a wide range of issues including a vote to protect the meaning of the dolphin-safe on canned tuna and a vote to prevent the use of taxpayer dollars to directly support or promote the trophy hunting of African elephants and the ivory, elephant hides, and horns. Other items covered animal protection bills: one the trade in bear gall bladder desired in Asia; a second to prevent the so-called sport shooting tame animals in captivity — a practice known "canned hunting;" and a third to prohibit the sale at livestock markets of downed animals farm animals who, because injury or illness, are unable stand or walk.

The protection of animals unnecessary harm is now a mainstream social issue. As like children, cannot speak for themselves and must be afforded protections from those who treat them in a cruel manner the support of lawmakers like Representative Miller, we do accomplish this goal and we toward a more humane society. To review the complete scorecard and other valuable resources visit The HSUS website (www.hsus.org).

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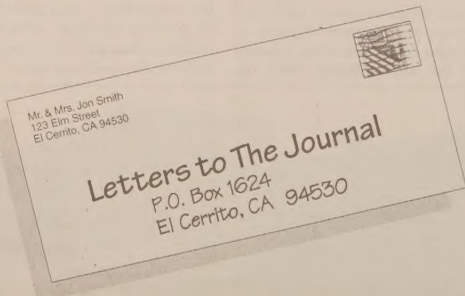
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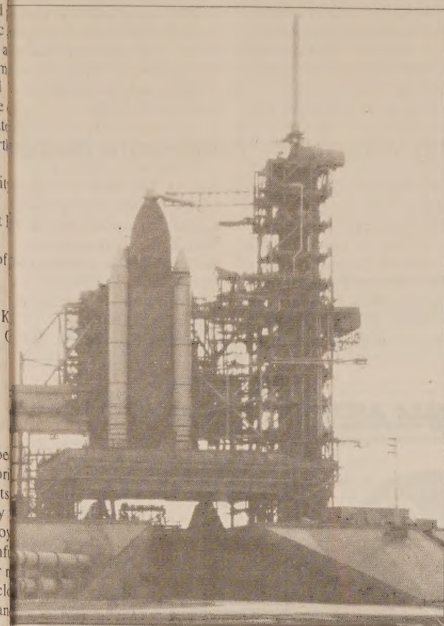


# Shuttle launch an exciting business junket

R. Deaton

There was a 60 percent chance of good weather conditions; at T-5 hours 10 minutes the L.H.

fast fill was started; at T-15 minutes there was an aft skirt GN<sub>2</sub> high flow rate cleansing purge and at T-31 seconds there was a go for auto sequence start.



"There was a huge roar and a rumbling like we were standing next to a huge jet engine. Then there was a 'boom—boom—boom,' like when they fire the cannons and shoot off fireworks on the Fourth of July," El Cerrito City Councilmember Brusatori said about the launch.

When the space shuttle *Columbia* lifted off from launch pad 39A at Cape Canaveral last month Brusatori was about four miles from the pad at the Banana Creek Viewing Site for distinguished visitors.

Brusatori had been on the waiting list for several years to watch a shuttle launch first hand. The international bank she works for, ABN AMRO, is a lender for the company that makes the shuttle's 1,297,000-pound solid rocket boosters. The booster manufacturer, Thiokol, invited ABN AMRO to send some of its people to the launch of *Columbia* (Orbiter Vehicle-102 in NASA speak) and Brusatori got the nod. She quickly packed and flew to Florida. Brusatori toured the Kennedy Space Center named

after our 35th president, but the highlight of trip was, of course, the Nov. 19 afternoon shuttle launch.

The launch window was from 2:46 p.m. to 5:16 p.m. Eastern Standard Time and there was a chance poor weather would delay the lift off. Brusatori reports that *Columbia* launched on time without a hitch.

"There was a very bright light as the shuttle lifted off," Brusatori explained. "I had to put on my sunglasses," she added. Because the mission's crew included astronauts from Japan, the Ukraine and India, Brusatori said the viewing stands had an international flavor. There were a lot of Japanese VIPs and dignitaries at the launch because Japan is one of the countries that will help build the planned International Space Station.

"When it was going up everybody was quiet," Brusatori said. "It was a tense moment — you wanted everything to go right."

When it was clear the launch was a success, Brusatori said, "Suddenly everyone started yelling and cheering."

"It was really a proud moment," our councilmember said, "it makes you feel great to be an American."

The space shuttle *Columbia* on the launch pad. (Photos courtesy Gina Brusatori)



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## Police Reports

### Alert neighbor foils prowler

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 1 a.m. on Dec. 24 officers responded to a report from a resident observing a tall man with a duffle bag on a neighbor's porch on the 800 block of Stannage Avenue. The subject was then seen going down the driveway, and possibly into the house. Officers contacted a 40-year-old Richmond man who had an extensive history for nighttime prowling and who was on probation. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

• On the morning of Dec. 22 a resident on the 1000 block of Peralta reported finding graffiti on buildings at Terrace Park.

• At about 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 22 a business on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue requested police assistance with a woman who was causing a disturbance. Officers contacted a 25-year-old Richmond woman who was found to have a Daly City warrant for petty theft. She was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

• On Dec. 22 a resident on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue reported that her beige '95 Ford Tempo was broken into during the night and miscellaneous items were stolen.

• On the morning of Dec. 23 an Albany man walking his dog observed what appeared to be two bodies lying on a table near the barbecue area of Memorial Park. Officers contacted two Albany boys who were sleeping. One of the boys had an outstanding warrant from San Francisco and was arrested and released to his foster mother.

• On Dec. 23 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported

going to the parking garage and finding his red Toyota Camry missing.

• On Dec. 23 officers observed four white male juveniles between the ages of 10 and 14 years old throw something into the bushes on Marin Avenue near Stannage Avenue. The bush then caught fire and the youth ran from the area headed south on Stannage Avenue. Albany Fire Department was called. Two men had started putting out the fire and the Fire Department completed extinguishing it.

• A resident on the 800 block of Washington Avenue reported that she found her back porch door open and a jar of change missing.

• At about 10:45 a.m. on Dec. 24 officers stopped a car on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue for erratic driving. The driver was found to have two outstanding warrants from Mendocino County for Driving Under the Influence and failure to provide for his family. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

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• On Dec. 28 officers contacted a person in a red '83 Datsun parked at the dead end of Hillside Avenue. They contacted a 20-year-old Richmond man who had outstanding warrants from Contra Costa County for narcotics possession, battery and vandalism. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

• On Dec. 28 a resident on the 600 block of Santa Fe Avenue reported that during the night someone broke into his '84 Chevrolet Suburban.

During the week of Dec. 21 officers fingerprinted six people at their request, towed one car, responded to 18 false alarms, attended to seven lost or deceased animals, assisted six people locked out of their house or car and responded to two reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers intervened in two domestic disputes, 13 civil disturbances and 26 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to three fire calls and seven medical emergencies.

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mornings. Adults with specialized interests may enroll in Photography, Calligraphy, Microsoft Word, Excel, Financial Planning for Retirement, Guitar, Buying/ Selling Real Estate, Tai chi, Age of Castles and Cathedrals or Community Orchestra. New adult education courses include: Hand Drumming; Safe and Meaningful Photo Albums; Creative Comedy Performance Pieces; Dim Sum; and Land Weight Conditioning for Swimmers.

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guage classes will begin Jan.

The first Traffic School session is Jan. 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Albany High School. The fee is \$25, and pre-registration is required. Call 528-6404 for information.

Registration can be done at the day office at 600 Key Route Blvd. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Winter class schedule and descriptions are available at the libraries and all Albany Adult School locations. Details: 559-6580.

## Library program seeking volunteer 'homework help

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team providing assistance to a group of students. This is one of many self-esteem and skill-building activities offered to public middle school students through the After-School Enrichment Program sponsored by the West Contra Costa County Public Education Fund.

Volunteers are needed Monday

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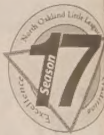
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## Teacher Feature

## Fairmont Elementary School's Linda Lambie was born to teach

Linda Goldfarb

CERRITO — Every morning, the children in Linda Lambie's first grade class at Fairmont Elementary School are greeted by a Morning Message: "Today was rainy and cold. The sun will shine and we will play outside at recess." Yes, more than a friendly greeting for the children, it's a teaching activity as well — did you catch the capitalization error? "I wanted to be a teacher from the time I was very young," says Lambie. "When I

was 5 years old, my second cousin married a kindergarten teacher. She'd take me with her to visit her classroom and from then on I knew I'd be a teacher. She was a real inspiration to me."

Lambie graduated from Kennedy High School in Richmond and went directly to San Francisco State University, where she obtained her elementary teaching credential. Fairmont School was her first student teaching assignment. Although Lambie has taught in several schools in the district, she is happy to be back where she

### Imagine learning about circumference by measuring a watermelon in September or a pumpkin in October.

began her teaching career. "The staff and administration here is incredible and we have great support from the PTA."

Entering Lambie's room (which she shares with Tre Curran as part of the job-share program at Fairmont) feels like

going to the Exploratorium. Lawrence Hall of Science, and the Discovery Zone rolled into one. All of the walls are covered with colorful projects. One contains letters the class has received from their pen pal class at Madera Elementary School; another

displays pictures of the students with their "Book Buddies" (older Fairmont children who share an activity each week with Lambie's first graders). One wall has floor-to-ceiling butcher paper on which journal entries are written chronicling the events of the preceding month; yet another portion of wall contains a calendar that not only shows the day and date, but the weather as well.

Lambie begins each day with the calendar. "We talk about the day, the date, the month, the season. Then we count how many days of school there have been because on the 100th day, there's a big celebration in the auditorium for the primary grades. We gear many of our activities around the number 100. They count to 100, they jump rope to 100, they figure out what would weigh 100 pounds, and what they don't realize is that they're learning place value."

When Lambie described her

math program, I was ready to go back to first grade! Imagine learning about circumference by measuring a watermelon in September or a pumpkin in October. "At the beginning of the year when I ask the kids to guess how much the pumpkin weighs, they'll guess 1,000 pounds. So we try to narrow it down — I ask them how much they weigh, then we make comparisons, and without even knowing it, they're learning math. Then, we'll plant the seeds of the watermelon and roast the seeds of the pumpkin and we're into science and cooking!"

Lambie tries to use problem-solving techniques as much as possible. "I'll show them a pencil and then ask them what it could be used for if it wasn't a pencil. It really gets them to think and use their analytical skills."

A few years ago, Lambie's mother found her sixth grade graduation book in which she wrote what she wanted to do when she grew up. "I wrote that I wanted to become a teacher. I just always knew."

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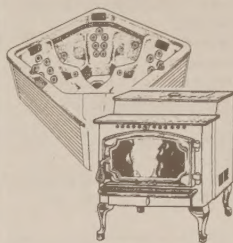


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■ El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinternick

# Kerber takes over as new Chamber president

Bill Kerber, a leader in the successful campaign to defeat the 1996 Measure H tax assessment here, has been elected president of the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce.

Having first served as president of the local business group in 1991, he will begin his second term in office after being officially installed in January.

Immediately after being elected Kerber pledged to make sure the concerns of the business community are heard by city officials.

"If we are to take advantage of the opportunities for improvement that lie ahead," he declared, "the Chamber must make sure that the concerns of the business community are heard."

The new president-elect of the Chamber went on to say that he believed that now — more than ever — this goal could be achieved.

"Mayor Jane Bartke, Kerber pointed out, "has demonstrated over the years that she is willing to listen to and consider the ideas of the business community — and all three newly elected Council members promised during their campaign to pay attention to our views on civic affairs."

"There is every reason to hope that relations between the city and the Chamber will be greatly improved in 1998."

Kerber promised to do everything in his power to further the welfare of the Chamber

membership by promoting better relations with the city.

"This," he declared, "is vital if we are to improve business conditions here."

Kerber went on to point out El Cerrito faces the prospect of a new city tax, making it more important than ever that everyone work together.

"It's going to be up to the Chamber membership to be among those who insist that any new tax is fair to business, property owners and residents alike."

"We must protect everyone from a tax that lasts forever. And, once a fair and equitable levy has been agreed on, we must insist that the public be given a clear and detailed explanation of how this new tax income is to be used."

Kerber concluded by saying that everyone should keep in mind that what's good for business is good for the community and, in turn, good for all the residents of El Cerrito.

The new Chamber chief is owner operator of the Freeway Motel, located at 11645 San Pablo Ave.

## New officers, directors elected

Three prominent business leaders were elected to the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce's Executive Board at the group's monthly meeting in late December.

Picked to assist President-elect Bill Kerber were: First vice president Michael Klinger of Sunset View Cemetery; second vice president, Rena Bruton of Bank Of The West; and secretary-treasurer, Charlie Weaver, CPA.

Also announced at the December meeting were the results of the election for nine positions on the Chamber's Board of Directors.

Picked to serve two-year terms on the board were:

Sil Addiego, Locators Real Estate; Rena Bruton, Bank Of The West; Marsha Conwill, Tradeway Furniture; Bea Doherty, Doherty's Truck and Auto Rental; Michael Klinger, Sunset View Cemetery Association; John Olivero, Olivero Plumbing; Larry Seidell, Seidell Chevron; Charlie Weaver, Certified Public Accountant; and Gary Wong, Strings Italian Cafe.

## Return department store petitions

Those circulating petitions urging establishment of a department store in El Cerrito are urged to return them just as soon as possible.

With the number of signers mounting daily El Cerrito resident Kathie Perka, who heads the petition drive, said she hopes to have some 2,000 signatures on each of two documents by early this year.

She went on to say that, shortly after the first of the year, she

plans to seek an appointment with the chief executive officer of Gottschalks Department Store to personally deliver petitions and urge him to consider El Cerrito as a possible store location.

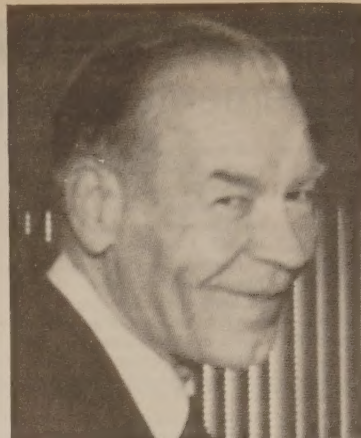
The petitions urging Dillard's Department Store to come here will be mailed to the company's headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas in early January.

Perka asked that those volunteers who have been circulating the Dillard's and Gottschalks petitions to return them as quickly as possible to the Chamber Of Commerce office at 10848 San Pablo Ave.

## It's time for thanks

It's traditional at this time of year to look back on the accomplishments of the past 12 months and to thank those people who made those accomplishments possible.

The thing that I, as manager of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, am proudest of is the fact that in the past year this organization has become more pro-active in the effort to improve conditions in this community. Over the initial reluctance of the City Council, we became the first El Cerrito group to official invite the Prince Of Wales study group to come here. Later we were able to let city official know exactly how our members felt about certain civic issues — ranging from housing at the Plaza



Bill Kerber has been elected as president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

(against) and a large theater at Del Norte BART (against) to perception of the way redevelopment agency finances were being handled (lack of confidence). Because over 60 percent of the membership took the trouble to answer our survey, the results were impossible to ignore. Finally, in the closing months of the year at the direction of our Executive Board we undertook a campaign to interest a department store in locating here — which prompted a civic-minded El Cerritan named Kathie Perka to start a petition campaign in support of our goal.

None of this could have been accomplished without the cooperation of our retiring president June Boblitt, the Executive Board and the Board of Directors — whose wise counsel saw to it this

organization did not stray from its goal of working for the interest of the entire community.

The day-to-day operation of the Chamber in 1997 was possible only through the extraordinary efforts of people like Chamber Secretary Berndt, Charlie Weaver and staff, Jeanne and Michael Klinger, Joe and Marsha Conwill, Marvin and Madeline Collins, Bob Winslow, Rose Mespelt, Joe Pena of Family Fair, Chris Treadway of The Journal, and our outstanding photographer Verne Odling.

We're also grateful to Councilmembers Jane Bartke, Gina Brusatori, and Mark Friedman — as well as new councilmember Larry Damm for their continuing interest in the views of the business

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1 small apple, chopped (skin and all) OR 1/2 banana, sliced

Mix the above ingredients (except the banana) in a bowl then spread on toast  
slice. If using a banana, lay banana slices on top of mixture. Now pop toast  
slice into the microwave and heat for 30 to 40 seconds on high.

Or Oven Method: Lay toast on aluminum foil and pop under broiler for 1 to 2  
minutes.

### GINGER SLAW & SHRIMP SALAD

1 small head cabbage, shredded  
1 can (8 oz.) shrimp, drained (or fresh cooked baby shrimp)  
1/4 cup each: chopped bell pepper, green onion and cilantro  
1 cup chow mein noodles

Combine all ingredients and toss with Chinese dressing (recipe follows).

#### CHINESE GINGER DRESSING

1/2 cup lowfat or nonfat mayonnaise  
2 to 3 tsp. soy sauce  
1/2 tsp. ginger powder

Mix dressing ingredients until smooth.

### HOT & SOUR SOUP

2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cooked and shredded  
2 (12 oz.) cans chicken broth  
2 tbsp. soy sauce  
2 tbsp. dry sherry or white wine (optional)  
2 cups cabbage, shredded  
1/2 carton tofu, cut into small squares  
6 or more tbsp. white vinegar  
2 eggs lightly beaten dash of hot sauce (optional)

\* Microwave chicken breasts in a splash of the broth for 4 to 5 minutes.

In a large pot combine the broth, soy sauce and sherry and bring to near  
boiling. Add the cabbage and simmer uncovered for several minutes. Next,  
stir in the chicken and tofu, then add the vinegar and hot sauce. Bring to a  
boil and remove from heat. Now pour in the eggs in a thin, steady stream,  
stirring constantly. Add hot sauce and salt and pepper to taste. Ladle into  
soup bowls. Serve with rice.

Lynne Orloff-Jones is a leading authority on fast and easy meals, and is the author of  
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1998

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1998

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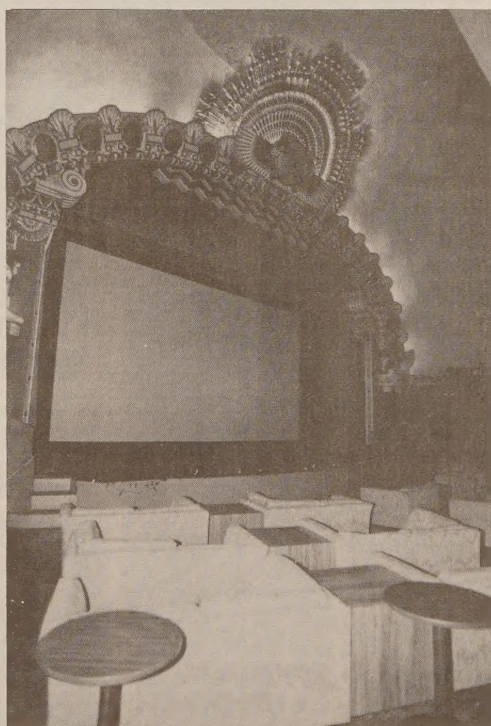
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### Lawrence Hall of Science

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**"Build a Healthy Back"** classes begin on Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 at Albany Adult School, Albany High. "Prevent and Overcome Repetitive Strain Injury" classes will take place on Feb. 23 and Mar. 2. The time for both classes are 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. The fee is \$11. For more information regarding registration call 559-6580.

**New French classes** for adults start Jan. 5 at the Alliance Francaise East Bay, a non profit agency, located at 2004 Woolsey Street, Berkeley. All levels, native teachers. Call 548-1520.

**Berkeley Yoga Center** offers a free introductory Yoga class the first Friday evening, every month and other free Friday evening events where people can come together in the spirit of community. Call for details, 649-9812.

### Ongoing

**The Art of Living Center:** Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment; a gallery and gift shop offering original art and crafts. Each month the gallery section features different artists; 2905 Shattuck Ave.; 848-3736.

**Yoga at Noon:** Thursdays and Fridays until 1 p.m.; Classes include stretching exercises, seated and moving meditation, healing arts, and breathing exercises. Japanese Yoga classes are also offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as Sunday mornings; Sennin Foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 11053 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 526-7518

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**Health, Fitness & Community Education:** classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$7 - \$10 drop in fees.

**Salsa Lessons:** 7 - 8 p.m., beginners; 8 - 9 p.m., intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

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**North Berkeley Senior Center Special Events**  
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**The Open House Senior Center** in El Cerrito needs volunteers to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social day care program each Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Part-time help is welcome and no experience is necessary. Call Ellen at 215-4340 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for more information.

**The Kensington 55+ Activity Center** will feature The Dixieland Jazz Band with Joe Hirsch, Barrie Lutge and Dana Kemp at its upcoming anniversary party Jan. 22. The program begins at 11 a.m. Call 526-9146 or Virginia Walker, Teacher-director, at 547-1969.

### Ongoing

**Sakura Kai:** meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; please write to 10890 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito, CA 94530 for our regular weekly calendar. For more info call 465-9323.

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### Exhibits

#### Ongoing

**Art is Elementary; An Exhibit;** through Feb. 27; Selected works by young Albany Artists, aged four to ten; Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. Albany, 524-9283.

**Winter Light: Small Works of Art as Gifts;** through Feb. 1; Cecile Mouchnek Gallery, 1809-D (upstairs) 4th St.

**Berkeley Watercolorists and Friends;** Annual Group Show; Reception 4 - 6 p.m.; through Jan. 3. A show of bright and seasonal paintings; Papa's Restaurant, 2026 University Ave., Berkeley.

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**Extravaganza;** Extended Holiday Hours through Jan. 4; work by 120 Gallery Artists. ceramics, class, jewelry, photography, painting, prints, sculpture, textiles. A.C.C.I. Gallery, 11652 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 843-2527.

**Get In Here Again;** through Jan. 11; this exhibit will bring together 15 artists representing a range of ages, experience and media. Traywick Gallery, 1316 Tenth St., Near Gilman. Please call Ketrina Traywick at 527-1214 for more info.

**"The Louis Stein Collection: The Neighborhoods of Berkeley";** through April, 1998; a new exhibit of the Berkeley Historical Society looks at Berkeley's neighborhoods and the UC-Berkeley campus in the form of photographs and other material; Berkeley Historical Society, Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center St.; 848-0181.

**Oblations for the House of God;** through Jan. 19; new paintings by Audrey Tulimiero Welch; University Lutheran Chapel, 2425 College Ave., Berkeley; 843-6230.

**Jewish Pictorial Carpets;** through Jan. 25; carpets from the Anton Felton Collection, London; guest curator Murray Eiland; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

**"Kristallnacht": an Installation;** through Jan. 25, 1998; U.S. premier of Higuchi's crystalline piece; Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

**"Saving Grace";** through Jan. 25; Women Helping Women. Benefit show of contemporary sculpture by women artists; A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., Berkeley; 525-7621.

**Texas Death Row;** through Jan. 8; photographs from the book by Ken Light, essay by Suzanne Donovan; UC-Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, Center for Photography, North Gate Hall, Hearst at Euclid.

**Jews/America/A Representation;** through Jan. 25; from "Rabbinic Couples" to "Jews with Hogs," "Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors," to "Descendants of

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**Tall as Tall Buildings;** through Jan. 11; single color ink on paper, even text; The Ames Gallery, Cedar St., Berkeley; 845-4949.

**"Women Series";** through an exhibit by Impressionist Regine Pressler; Red Oak Ct. 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 3387

**Body Decoration from the World;** through January; exhibit featuring tattooing, body painting and scarification from Asia, Africa, Australia, America and south America, in photograph, illustrations, paintings, carvings and currency; Archive, 2804 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 548-5895.

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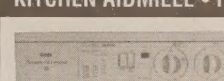
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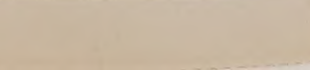
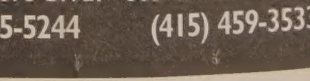
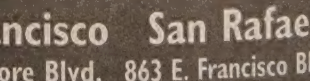
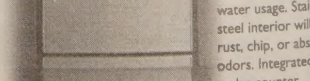
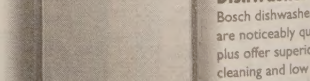
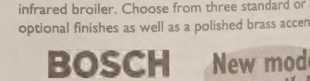
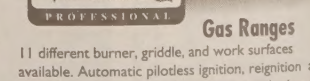
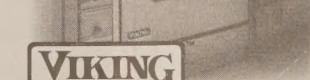
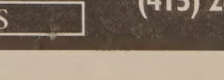
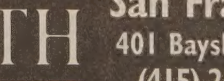
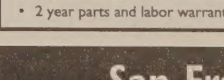
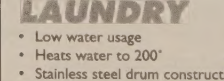
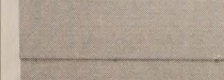
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Mysticism, will discuss "God the Big Bang: Discovering Hard Science and Spirituality" on Jan. 23, Dr. Thomas Cleary will discuss "Glimpses of World Religions" on Jan. 30, Rev. J. Allen Y. Sr., pastor of Allen Temple Church will talk on "Falling in with God. Free tickets will be distributed at 7 p.m. for each group's event. The program begins at 8 p.m. For more information call 400.

**Abrielle Roth** will talk on the "Sweat Your Prayers: Movement as Spiritual Practice" on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m., at Evan Halper and Paul Karr, evaluate the whole hostel experience, discussing their new guidebook, "USA. Halper's slide show highlight the discussion. Easy Travel Shop and Bookstore is at 1385 Shattuck Avenue.

**Life You Love** will be discussion book at the Turning Career Center on Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The cost, for week series, is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Turning Career Center, a YWCA, is located at 2600 Bancroft Ave., Berkeley. For more information call 848-6370.

**Angels** going **Creators Anonymous**; 7 - 8 Thursdays; OA provides free through its 12-step program. Veterans, anorexics and Newcomers are welcome; Hospital, 901 Nevin, MOB II floor, Richmond; for information Stephanie at 841-8562 or information tape at 273-9292.

**Yth Berkeley Senior Center** **Life Groups**; **Exploring Life Changes**; Every 10 a.m. to Noon, Leader: John Perman.

Low Vision Support Group; 1st & 3rd Wed. 1 p.m.

Caregivers Support; 1st and 3rd Wed. 10:30 a.m.

Psychology; Every Tues. 10:30 a.m. to Noon, Leader A.O. Sachs.

American Sign Language; Every Wed. 10:30 - Noon.

Hearing Support Group; Speech Reading Class, Every Wed. 1:15 - 3 p.m.

Meditation; 1st and 3rd Friday, 10 a.m. with Micky Akiyama

Parkinson's Support Group; meets every 2nd Wed. at 10:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure; 4th Tues. 9:30 - 11 a.m.

HICAP, Health insurance Counseling; 1st & 3rd Wed. Call for Appt: 644-6107.

Diabetes Education at Over 60 Clinic, call 601-6060.

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way, 644-6107.

**The City Commons Club** meets Friday, Jan. 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 11:15 a.m. Guests are invited to share in the programs. Telephone 848-3533 to make reservations for those bringing more than one guest. Meetings take place at the Julia Morgan, 2315 Durant Avenue, Berkeley. The American Schizophrenia Association - Alliance for the Mentally III (ASA-AMI) monthly family support group will be held on Wednesday Jan. 14 from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Claremont Branch Berkeley Library meeting room. Support meetings are free and offer family members a chance to talk with others who have a mentally ill relative. The public is invited. For further information, call ASA-AMI at 841-8361.

A discussion group meets at the Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut Avenue, every first and third Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The next meeting will be on Jan. 6. The group will discuss New Year's resolutions, personal goals, and rules to live by. For more information call Robert Berend at 527-5332.

**Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program**; 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. every Wednesday; B.O.R.P. welcomes new members to its Older Adults Program, people with disabilities who are 40 years or older join with others for social activities, fitness, excursions and fun; South Berkeley Senior Center; call Meg Stenger, 849-4663, to sign up (nominal membership fee).

**McGee Avenue Toastmasters Club**; 7 p.m.; every second and fourth Monday of the Month; talking to yourself? McGee Toastmasters is the friendly club dedicated to improving speaking skills and building confidence; Social hall of McGee Avenue Church, 1640 Stuart St., Berkeley; James Ella James, 548-5399 for more information.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics**; 7:30 p.m.; the group meets each first and third Thursday of the month; The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics seek to affirm and to integrate sexuality and spirituality in the Christian faith through the Catholic tradition; Newman Hall, 2700 Dwight Way at College Avenue, Berkeley; Wendy, 849-3910 or Antonio at 841-7718.

**Greater San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Alzheimer's Association**; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; second Saturday of each month; offering help, information and support to families and/or caregivers of a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease through their support group program; St. Paul's AME Church, 2024 Ashby Ave., Berkeley; (415) 962-8111.

**Toastmasters on Campus**; 6:15 p.m.; practice public speaking in a supportive environment; every Tuesday; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; Odette Larde, 643-7645 (w) or Al Mangarin 970-4355 (w).

**TOPS**; 7:15 - 8:30; Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening; First Baptist Church, Richmond, Solano below Arlington; Betty Coates, 235-0490 for more information.

TOPS; 9:30 a.m. weigh in; 10:30

a.m. meeting; Albany Chapter, meets Monday mornings; 980 Stannage Ave., Albany; 528-9056 (Paul)

**Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters**; 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.; public speaking skills and metaphysics come together; ongoing meetings first and third Thursdays; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; 848-6510.

## Music

**Blake's** (All shows start at 9:30 p.m.)

Jan. 1; House Techno DJ Dance Music - 18 and Over, \$5.

2367 Telegraph Ave.; 848-0886

**KECG 88.1 FM**, 11 a.m.; presents Father Time with Doug Spangler. Dr. Jagjit Johal, from U.C. Davis' Cooperative Extension Service of Contra Costa County, discusses how to really achieve your fatherhood's New Year's resolution. Tune in to hear tips on how to spend more time with your kids.

**On Jan. 4**, the Chamber Music Sundaes presents San Francisco symphony musicians performing the Schubert Cello Quintet, Brahms Viola Sonata and Brindell Concertino; at 3:15 p.m., in St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Avenue, Berkeley. Tickets at the door are \$14, seniors and students \$11. For information call (415) 584-5946.

**A concert** by renowned Baroque Ensemble Musica Pacifica will take place on Jan 10 at 8 p.m. in Albany at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St. Tickets are on sale at the door, \$14 general admission and \$12 for students. For information call 444-4113.

## Outdoors

**Berkeley Hiking Club**

Jan. 1

**Mini Hike** - Mount Tamalpais, leader Rex Thomas 525-6695; 9:30 a.m. departure. Reconvene at Ridgecrest Blvd. at the intersection of International and Miller trails. 3 miles.

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Tamalpais, leader Leslie Preger 415-665-6038; 9 a.m. departure. Reconvene and meet leader at Rock Springs parking lot and hike 7-8 miles, in case of rain check with leader prior to departure.

**The Fifty-Plus Fitness Association** located in Berkeley meets at 8:45 a.m. every second Sunday for its monthly walk/run. The walk distance is approximately three miles, lasting one hour on the trail. There is no charge and it is not necessary to be a member of Fifty-Plus Fitness Association to attend. All levels of ability are welcome. Plan to join the group at a nearby restaurant after the walk/run. For further information call Stuart Werner at 530-2790

## Religion

**Ahavat Yisrael**, a new traditional synagogue in Berkeley, holds weekly Shabbat services on Saturday mornings at 9:15 a.m., preceded by Torah class at 8:45 a.m. at the Masonic Hall, 897 Colusa Avenue. For more information, about holiday and special events, call 273-9003.

**Presbyterian Women in St. John's Presbyterian Church**, 2727 College Avenue, Berkeley, meet Thursday, Jan. 8 at 11:30 p.m. Kate Nichols, Director of St. John's Child-care Center will speak on "Childcare Update and the Effect of the New Welfare Reform. Call 527-3052 or 848-1350.

**Sylvia Gretchen** the dean of Nyingma Studies at the Nyingma Institute, will discuss "Personal Identity and Inner Freedom," at the Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley at 6 p.m. Call 843-6812 for more information.

## Ongoing

**Ahavat Yisrael**; 8:45; Torah class; 9:15 a.m.; weekly Shabbat services; a new traditional synagogue in Berkeley, also special and holiday events; Masonic Hall, 897 Colusa Ave; 273-9003.

**Midweek Bible Study/Prayer Meeting**; 7 p.m.; every Friday; Agape

Baptist Church; everyone is welcome, feel free to call Prayer Team for prayer requests, concerns shall be treated with confidence and you shall be prayed for; 233-8867.

## Theater, dance and film

**Pacific Film Archive Film and video programs**  
Pacific Film Archive will have no programs through Jan. 1.

**The Berkeley Repertory Theatre's** "How I Learned to Drive" will open on Jan. 14, and run through Feb. 27. Performances are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday matinees at 2 p.m., on Jan. 22 and Feb. 5, and 19. Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. on Jan. 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7 and 14. On Friday, the Jan. 23 performance is at 8:30 p.m.

**On Jan. 15**, 6 p.m. there will be a free conversation with playwright Paula Vogel and Berkeley Rep Artistic director Tony Taccone. An free open forum with cast members will take place on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. For ticket information call 845-4700.

## Lectures and Workshops

**An eight-part biotechnology seminar** which highlights industry job opportunities in the Bay Area begins Friday, Jan. 23 at Vista Community College's Science Annex in Berkeley. The series will explore current research and development in biotechnology. The Session will take place from noon to 1 p.m. on consecutive Fridays. The address is 2061 Center Street. Call Nancy Wright at 841-8860 ext. 264 for dates, time and fee information and how to register.

**The second KQED Science Odyssey day** will be held at the Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley on Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions and museum information, call 642-132. This event will feature two teacher training workshops at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., focusing on using A Science Odyssey in the classroom. To register for the workshop, contact KQED at (415) 553-2382

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## For young Roxy Bernstein these are simply radio daze

■ Montclair resident having a (basket)ball as Cal's play-by-play man.

By Scott Strain

Roxy Bernstein is living his dream right now.

Bernstein, 25, is a Montclair resident who has always wanted to be a radio play-by-play sportscaster. In his first job after graduating from Cal with a degree in American studies, Bernstein has hit a home run. He is the play-by-play announcer for the Cal men's basketball team — a plum job by any standard of broadcasting.

Usually a job such as his, is not given to one so young — or so inexperienced. Usually when you read about a major broadcasting slot, you think of personalities such as Joe Starkey, Ted Robinson, Bob Fitzgerald, Greg Papa. These broadcasters have built up a local following and have name recognition.

Not so Bernstein, at least not yet. Cal basketball is heard on KATD (990-AM) out of Concord and Vallejo's KXBT (1640-AM). Neither one is known for its sports program-

ming, but Cal basketball has a large following in the East Bay. By doing a good job, Bernstein can ensure his entree into big-time broadcasting.

Bernstein, who got his start as an intern at KNBR, where he can still be heard, when he was a freshman at Cal, got his first chance to do play-by-play for KALX, the student radio station at Cal. He announced Cal baseball and raves about the sport.

"I'll probably do Cal baseball in the spring," he said. "I love college basketball. There is something about it that is special. Over the years, I've cultivated relationships with (baseball coach) Bob Milano; there isn't anything I wouldn't do for him. It's every day and I follow the team around."

"Every weekend is a war. You have six of the top baseball teams in the country. It's a battle. It starts on Friday and it doesn't end until you leave Sunday night. Every game is intense."

Even with his enthusiasm for baseball, Bernstein doesn't shortchange basketball.

"I love college basketball," he said. "It is so much better than the NBA. The whole atmosphere is so charged."

Bernstein got the basketball job in mid-October and immediately started preparing for Cal's

opening game against North Carolina, which was played on Nov. 22. Even though he had a month to prepare, Bernstein didn't slack off in his efforts; this was his big chance, and he knew it.

"Once I got the job I started preparing for it, getting as much information as I could on both Cal and North Carolina," he said. "I knew I had a big job ahead of me and I knew I had to take advantage of this chance. I couldn't take it for granted. (Cal athletic director) John Kasser had enough faith in me to give me the job."

Bernstein did the pre- and post-game shows last season for Cal and everything appeared to be the same for this season, with Robinson doing the play-by-play.

"Bob Fitzgerald was the backup, and I got to do a couple of games also. Kevin (Reneau, Cal's associate AD in charge of communications) wanted to make sure I got a couple of games. Ted ended up getting the job doing Stanford football."

"This happened in May. Kevin phoned me on Saturday morning after Robinson got the (Stanford) job and let me know what was going on. Basically it was between me and Bob Fitzgerald. He (Reneau) told me he didn't want



Cal broadcaster Roxy Bernstein: 'I knew I had a big job ahead of me and I knew I had to take advantage of this chance.'

to consider (anyone else from) outside and he had enough faith in us to look no further."

Then the wait started. "It was tough for awhile," Bernstein said. "I'm friends with Bob and we both wanted the same job. It was like a quarterback and backup quarterback."

The competition wasn't as clear-cut Bernstein said, as the Joe Montana-Steve Young situation, but it was there. Then Fitzgerald unexpectedly got the Warriors job in September and the way was cleared for Bernstein. He called Reneau that

night and reiterated his interest in the job. Reneau told him he was the main candidate, but Cal wasn't going to make a decision just yet. More waiting.

"I felt I was on the edge of a cliff," Bernstein said. "(Cal) promised me I was still going to be involved, but I didn't know in what capacity. Everybody, including my parents, gave me a lot of support. They knew how much this meant to me."

When he got the job, the meeting lasted 30 seconds.

He and Reneau "were driving down to play tennis at Hellman

(Courts) and under his breath he said, 'OK, how much do you want a game?' I made an offer and he made a counteroffer and that was it."

And that was it. Bernstein got the job and has done well with it. He is knowledgeable, articulate and has a sense of humor. His broadcasts are easy to listen to without being boring or overblown.

His future plans call for applying for some minor-league baseball jobs. Right now, Roxy Bernstein is just riding his chance of a lifetime.

## Cougars ready for ACCAL?

By Jelani Harper

It's been a long and fairly prosperous preseason for Albany's girls basketball team (5-6), considering where they've been in past seasons. One could only conclude that the Lady Cougars must hate to see it end.

The Cougars did exceptionally well in this past month of play. In the opening week of December they beat El Cerrito to take third in the John Swett tournament, the following week they lost a narrow decision to Wallenberg to finish second in the Sacred Heart tournament. Not bad for a team who didn't place in a single tournament all last year.

And they did it with a new coach, Sabrina Nagel, who had never coached at the high school level before. They did it with a fairly young team. The Cougars have only two returning players from last year: two seniors, one sophomore and the rest juniors.

So, despite their being under .500 record, the Cougars have accomplished a lot during their month long preseason, which will wind down with



Kimbra Baker hopes to lead Lady Cougars to respectable ACCAL season.

next Tuesday's road game against Head-Royce. But while most teams tend to develop an identity or a style of play during the preseason, it's anybody's guess as to how the Cougars will look against the Jayhawks.

It's not just that they are sometimes inconsistent (they are), but their personnel has the tendency to change. Starting guards Kimi and Miya Yamamoto have missed games because they've had to work, and other players have missed games because of similar conflicts in their schedules.

All of which puts pressure on the Cougars' bench, which had only all two players during the Sacred Heart tournament. The Cougars lost Jill Chung earlier in the season due to

appendicitis, so any other no-shows definitely hurt the strength of the bench.

Fortunately, the Cougars have an excellent source of talent to help bolster their reserves. Albany's junior varsity has several promising players who can move up to the varsity at Nagel's request.

So, it's uncertain exactly who the Cougars will have on the floor when they take on HRS next week. The Jayhawks' height (they have a couple of players over six feet) could pose a bit of a problem for the smaller Cougars. Despite the Jayhawks' Division V status (the Cougars are in Div. IV), the game should be good preparation for Alameda-Contra Costa League play with St. Mary's Jan. 10.

## Lady Bears don't want to just 'hang' with the Pac-10

By Scott Strain

OAKLAND — Cal women's basketball coach Marianne Stanley is through with moral victories, finished with her team putting in good efforts. With the Pac-10 season starting with home games against Oregon on Friday and Oregon State on Sunday, she is ready to see some victories.

"We're past the point where we just want to hang with people," Stanley said after an 81-66 loss to 10th-ranked Virginia Sunday in Oakland. "We're not going to be satisfied with just playing teams close. We want to start winning these games."

The Lady Bears have a 4-6 record going into the Pac-10 season, pretty much where they figure to be. They have lost a few of games they could have won — Pacific, Wisconsin-Green Bay, and St. Mary's, but they have also won a couple of games they could have lost — USF, and George Mason.

Offensively, Cal has four players, Amber Lacey, Masa Radovic, Paige Bowie, Jennie Leander, averaging around 10 points game. They hit 20-of-28 free throws against Virginia and their performance at the line kept them in the game in the

first half when they shot 30 percent from the floor.

Cal's real offensive weakness is from the 3-point area. Going into the game with the Lady Cavaliers, the Bears were only shooting 15 percent (12-of-79) from beyond the arc. Against the Cavaliers they shot 33 percent (4-of-12), but three of those came in the last 1:26 of the game, when the outcome was already decided.

Opposing teams will note that minuscule percentage and pack players in the lane, denying the ball to Cal's good inside players and forcing the team to shoot from the outside. Cal can't win if it is forced to do that.

But what really worries Stanley is turnovers — Cal had a whole bakery's worth against the pressuring Cavaliers.

"I'm staring at 35 turnovers here," Stanley said. "You're not going to beat anybody turning it over like that. We came out of the locker room after the half focusing what we had to do and the wheels just fell off the wagon."

"They (Virginia) got a lot of points off their pressure defense. They like to make you turn the ball over and we gave it up far too many

times. They had 25 steals (26) and that's got to be some record."

Guards Radovic and Co. Johnson had 15 turnovers between them and Virginia scored 25 off Cal turnovers. The Cal committed only 15 turnovers. Cal got 12 points. Taking the ball is a continuing source of concern for Stanley.

She has been happy with her team is playing defense. Most part this season, they have played well defensively, holding opponents to a 66.7 point average. The Bears held Virginia to first-half points.

But the Bears have to watch for offensive mistakes. Off turnovers cost the defense easy baskets and other talented, quick in the Pac-10 will take note. Pressure the ball and Cal will itself.

"Our program is growing, played a good first half," Stanley said. "But we need to play a few minutes, not just a good first half. Yes, we're young and yes, being patient with people and letting them develop, but we're going to be happy and satisfied just hanging in there."

## El Cerrito's pioneer major-leaguer Green: 'I'd do it again'

By Jeff Sepulveda

It has been quite a year for Elijah "Pumpsie" Green. More than 30 years after hanging up his spikes on a major league baseball career that saw him hit .246 and appear in 344 games, the 64-year-old lifelong El Cerrito native has been besieged by requests for interviews and invitations to be feted at public events.

"People have flown in from as far away as Boston and Michigan to come to my house and interview me," said Green. "My wife and I were invited by the Red Sox to come to Boston, and I threw out the first pitch. I was part of a celebration with the Oakland A's at the Coliseum. It's like people found out where I was, and thought they had to contact me."

This was a year of special significance for baseball, because it marked the 50-year anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color

barrier. It was in this light that so much attention has been focused on Green, who was also a pioneer in ending the majors' sorry history of racial exclusion.

Green made history on July 24, 1959, 12 years after the already retired Robinson had suited up for Brooklyn, by becoming the first black player for the Boston Red Sox, making it the last of the 16 teams to integrate.

Pumpsie Green didn't grow up following the exploits of future teammate Ted Williams or San Francisco native Joe DiMaggio. Instead he grew up following the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League.

While the PCL's San Francisco Seals were the chief rivals for the Oaks, for Green, the team that most often brought him out to the ballpark was when San Diego came to town.

"They had guys like big Luke Easter, Minnie Minofo, and Harry

"Suitcase" Simpson, the great black ballplayers."

A special treat for Green in the early '50s was seeing a group of black stars led by Hall of Famers Robinson and Ray Dandridge barnstorm through Oakland on an exhibition tour.

A fine athlete from an athletic family, Pumpsie starred for El Cerrito's baseball team which also included future major leaguers Charlie Beamon Sr. and Ernie Broglio. Green's brothers Carnell and Credell played professional football, with Carnell starring as a defensive back for 14 years and winning two Super Bowls with the Cowboys.

Green's professional baseball dream became a reality when the hometown Oaks signed him to a contract after giving the Contra Costa College star a tryout.

"The major leagues seemed so far off," said Green. "The Pacific

Coast League was a great league. When I signed with the Oaks, I thought I had really made it."

Green, an infielder, played in Oakland's farm system for two seasons on the West Coast before having his contract purchased by the Red Sox. Then he worked his way through the Sox' minor league system and spring training trials before his historic debut in '59.

In one city, Shreveport, La., Green wasn't even allowed to travel with the team. "Shreveport wouldn't allow black ballplayers on their field," he said.

Despite such obstacles, Green's baseball career thrived. He quickly moved up to Boston's AAA team in Minneapolis, and he was hitting .340 when he got the call to make his historic debut at Fenway Park.

Green was subjected to intense scrutiny from fans as well as from the media.

"I never really got a chance to

relax and focus on playing," he said. "There was a lot of attention, and headlines everywhere I went. I remember one in Baltimore saying, 'All eyes will be centered around second base tonight' because I was playing. I felt like I was on display."

While Boston's racial woes are well documented, Green believes that it was no different than most of America, and that his experience was not unique among black players.

"I remember getting together with (Hall of Famer) Frank Robinson who went to McClymonds High in Oakland, and he told me that the racial stuff was so bad when he was coming up that he was thinking of quitting."

Green's career in Boston ended in '62 with a trade to the Mets where he played one season before retiring due to the lingering effects of a hip injury which led recently to

hip replacement surgery.

After retiring from baseball, Green returned to El Cerrito to begin his second career, as dean's assistant for disciplining the baseball coach at Berkeley, where he served for more than 20 years. At Berkeley he coached future major leaguers such as Reggie Jones and Marcus Jensen.

For all his contributions as a ball pioneer, Green receives pension from major league baseball — a benefit won only recently.

Reflecting on his baseball career and status as an icon triumphed over institutional racism, Green is overwhelmingly positive.

"It may have been easy to play for another team, but I'm glad I did what I did, and I did it again," he declared. "There was a lot of pressure on me, but I put a lot of pressure on myself to succeed."



## East Bay Events

## Historic Berkeley in photos

The Berkeley Historical Society presents "The Louis Stein Collection: Neighborhoods of Berkeley," a free exhibit of photographs and other archival materials collected by the late Louis Stein and his son Robert, on display through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 1931 Center St., Berkeley. Tel: 848-0181.

## University Art Museum

**Premonition:** Luc Tuymans, Drawings, "an exhibit of more than 90 works dating from the mid 1970s to the present, runs through Jan. 11. The works use a variety of traditional and experimental media to convey subtle interpretations of life in the 20th century.

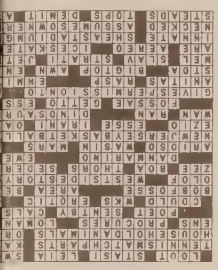
**Knowledge of Higher Worlds:** Rudolf Steiner's Blackboard Drawings, "an exhibit of surprisingly contemporary drawings done by scholar Rudolf Steiner more than 75 years ago, runs through Jan. 4.

**Admission:** \$6 general; \$4 seniors and students ages 12 to 18; free age 6 and under; free Thursday, 11 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Details: 642-0808.

## Programs at Tilden

**Reptiles!** Jan. 3, 11 a.m. Learn about and meet some reptiles.

**Watershed Basics,** Jan. 3, 2 p.m. Learn about watersheds and then try your own. Meet at the EEC.



• "Waterbar Refurbishment," Jan. 10, 2 p.m. Check the waterbars set up in November, repair them and clear them out.

Free. Take Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. Details: 525-2233.

## Juggling, singing

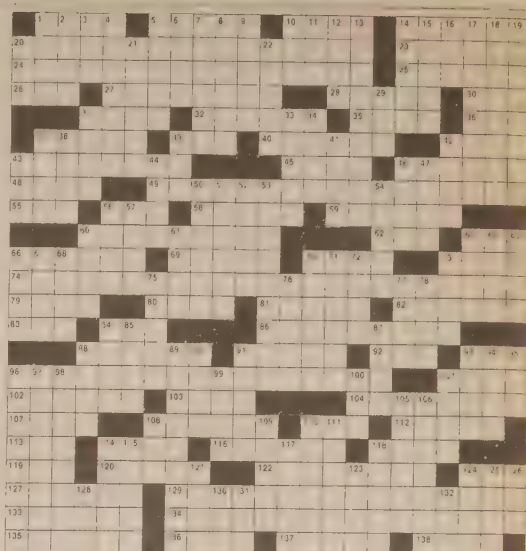
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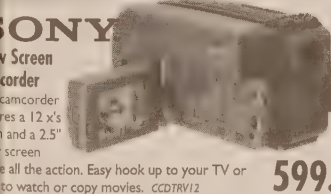
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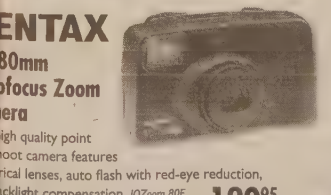
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## Crisis Line training class begins Jan. 19

**WALNUT CREEK** — Beginning Jan. 19 and running through Feb. 18 on Monday and Wednesday nights, the Contra Costa Crisis Center is offering extensive training for people interested in becoming crisis line volunteers. The training is conducted by mental health professionals and is open to individuals 21 or older.

"Crisis line volunteers come from all walks of life," says John Bateson, executive director of the center. "What they share is a strong desire to help others and a willingness to listen."

More than 150 people answer

crisis calls 24 hours per day, 365 days per year at the center, which is in Walnut Creek. Even so, more volunteers are needed, says Bateson. The agency handles up to 60,000 crisis calls per year from people who are abused, depressed, grieving, suicidal, homeless, or mentally ill.

After five weeks of classroom instruction, volunteers spend another month in one-on-one training in the agency's crisis line room. All volunteers are supervised by licensed therapists; in addition, counseling interns can earn hours toward professional certification.

The cost of the training is \$45, which is refunded upon request after a volunteer's first year of service. For more information, call Virginia Sykes or Judy Guthrie at the crisis center: 939-1916. Individuals in crisis should call the agency's 24-hour crisis line: 1-800-833-2900.

Since 1963 the Contra Costa Crisis Center has operated 24-hour crisis lines to help people in distress. In addition to crisis and suicide lines, the agency answers the county's 24-hour Homeless Hotline and all after-hours calls to Children's Protective Services.

## Solano

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The large, concrete planters on Solano will likewise disappear, replaced by grates that will further increase pedestrian space. Curb ramps at intersections will be reconfigured, with two ramps replacing the existing one at each corner so pedestrians are guided directly into crosswalks as opposed to being shot diagonally into the street.

All along Solano, benches, bike racks, streetlights and other "modular" furniture will be installed, with all pieces designed to be interchangeable to suit the changing needs of businesses and residents. Signposts will be removed and many signs hung on street and traffic lights, and all will be shaded in the dark, forest-like color that will forever after be known as "Albany green."

### Work on the underside

Of course, the real work will center around things not so readily apparent — reconfiguring every last lineal foot of Solano's sewers and storm drains, and wholesale removal of the currently invisible concrete base from the long-defunct Key Route train system. The heavy work, in fact, is how the project will begin, and if you wander down to Solano this spring and get the impression that it is being destroyed from doorway to doorway, well, in reality, that is precisely what will be happening.

At present, Solano's sewer lines run under the sidewalks; when the project is completed, they will run down the middle of the street. To move the lines, construction crews will remove, pulverize and then replace the sidewalks and street, detouring traffic, closing off access, and putting some merchants out of business for as long as a week at a time.

Although most city residents have never, at least in Albany, been witness to the type of work required to rebuild a city's infrastructure from the ground up, this summer, a group of Peralta Avenue residents got a glimpse into the future of Solano when their sewer lines were replaced.

Though the project has been completed and all has returned to normal, it did create quite an uproar when construction crews proceeded in a somewhat less than gentle manner, cracking residents' driveways, demolishing their sidewalk gardens and tearing whole limbs out of trees with a backhoe.

### Business community braces

On Solano, the situation will be immeasurably more complicated, as the city will have a much wider constituency to keep happy, from apartment dwellers to business owners, for whom days out of commission means a blow to the bottom line. Quite naturally, a number of business owners are already worried, although most also say the benefits of the project will make up for any inconveniences it causes.

"Yeah, I'm concerned about it," says Bill Strei of Plaza Tennis. "I



Greg Huganin

Sidewalk planters such as this will be removed and certain trees will be replaced with new types.

think it'll have an effect on my business, but I'll be surprised if it's a 20 percent effect."

"I don't think it'll be a major effect," says Michael Stajer, co-owner of the Solano Grill and Bar. "I'm worried a little about lunch, but overall our clientele is pretty loyal. I think (the project) will be nice. I think it'll help out here."

"(Being closed for a week) would be a problem," says Jeff Nance, manager of Grace Baking. "That would be a big-time problem."

"We're open every day of the year," says Doug Sprague, owner of Dave's Dougout. "It would be major if we had to close."

According to Ekern, though, closing will be all but unavoidable in most cases, and could last for up to a week, possibly longer. When sidewalks are torn out, customers, quite simply, will not be able to walk in the front door. For Ben Mirabel, owner of the copy/printing shop Solano Express, such an inconvenience will not be good.

"I don't know how they're going to do that, but it's going to hurt all the businesses," Mirabel says. "If customers can't get in, they don't come."

And what about the post office? "That's a good question," says Charles Patterson, the post office's supervisor of customer service. "I guess what I'll do is call the city."

### Advance legwork

Although final plans — and a final idea of who will be closed when, and for how long — will not be available until a contractor is selected, city officials are hoping to soften as much as possible what will be the cold, hard reality of capital construction. At the corner of Solano and Key Route (1300 Solano, to be exact), the city will maintain a field office through which the project will be managed, and before that, the city will also strive to get the word out as much as possible.

Over the next 10 weeks, Assistant City Administrator Ann Ritzma and Construction Manager Roger Andeman will pay a visit to each and every business on Solano, trying as best they can to fuse business and construction schedules so as to

cause the least amount of havoc. For example, accountants will consider April to be the absolute worst time to be closed, and the city will try to create its schedule around that. Of course, regardless of what is planned, city officials expect there will be some rough times before the project is completed.

"For most folks, this is Albany, and Albany doesn't change," says Ritzma, pointing out that the majority of city residents and business persons have not been in town long enough to remember a project of this scale. One element of the plan will involve working out a protocol, or "phone tree," through which problems can be dealt with as fast as possible, as delays in response time, the city learned this summer, cause residents' anger to increase logarithmically as each second passes.

"Albany residents and businesses have a very high level of expectation. If something happens, they like to reach out and grab someone very high up," Ekern says. "I think the biggest problem when things blew up on Peralta was that we weren't able to have a response that dealt with it directly, visibly and immediately. In the time it takes the phone to ring three times, you see your whole life's work going out the door."

"We're going to try to do everything humanly possible to at least shorten that time," Ekern says, adding, "There's no way in the world I can guarantee you a contractor's not going to do the dumbest thing in the universe."

Also, Ritzma says, construction can even be fun, as the work will be accompanied by "construction-type gimmicks" such as tiny hardhats for children and educational presentations on what exactly is going on. "There are lots of ways we can lighten some of the impact," Ritzma says, adding that, if a business owner is thinking about taking a vacation, they might want to coordinate that with the upcoming construction.

"Take a vacation?" says Jonathan Romo, owner of Montero's restaurant. "That's not a bad idea."

As for city employees, they too will probably be planning vacations — in September, or October, when all is quiet again.

## Counseling

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ing scale" or a "low flat fee." Cook said a full service including college search and admission assistance runs about \$250 to \$300.

"The process of understanding yourself and coming to terms with it is quite a journey," said Cook. Christopher-David, independent college advising, hopes to help young people with that journey.

For those of you who are wondering—the firm's name is a combination of the middle names of co-founders Cook and Moss.

## ■ Martin Snapp

**The Best Christmas Ever:** It started out as the Christmas from Hell — beginning with Christmas Eve, when I got caught in that interminable Southwest Airlines delay.

My flight to L.A. got delayed two hours. But many people were delayed for as long as six, and some flights were canceled altogether.

Adding insult to injury was Southwest's steadfast refusal to tell us what was wrong. They kept giving us all kinds of excuses, ranging from weather to flight controller problems. One ticket agent even told me that the real reason was that "A lot of little old ladies fly at Christmas time, and they take a long time getting up and down the ramps."

Finally, they came up with cover story number four: a flu bug had mysteriously struck a lot of Southwest flight attendants. (Although, curiously, no flight attendants at any other airlines seem to have been affected.)

The real reason — which a couple of agents finally confided to me under a strict promise of confidentiality — was a wildcat strike being conducted by a disgruntled minority of flight attendants who were protesting the new contract that had just been signed.

When will people learn? As Richard Nixon found out, it's not the crime that gets you in trouble, it's the coverup.

The next morning was Christmas, but my mood got even blacker when I called some friends in Washington, D.C. and they told me the presents I sent them never arrived.

Now I was really bummed. I get to see them so rarely, so the annual exchange of Christmas gifts is loaded with symbolic meaning for me. It's nothing less than a metaphor for love.

When you're a kid, all you care about is getting the best present. But when you're grown up, you care about giving the best present. The gift should say, "I've spent a lot of time thinking about you and what would really give you pleasure." And no matter how much my rational mind told me that my friends knew I loved them anyway, inside it felt like I had let them down.

By the next day I was feeling like the original Grinch. So what did I do? I picked a fight with my sister, who is only my best friend in the whole world.

Well, by the time I got back to Oakland Friday night, I was feeling thoroughly sorry for myself. My mood didn't improve when I got home and, as I fumbled for the house key on the front porch, I heard Phoebe meowing piteously on the other side of the front door.

It turned out the cat sitter lost the key to my house. As a result, poor Phoebe was ravenous when I got back — not to mention her little feelings being hurt.

At that point, I said to myself, "This is the worst Christmas I have ever had." Then I picked up the phone to collect my messages.

There was only one. It was from Nathan's mother.

Remember Nathan? He's the 21-year-old with Down's syndrome and mild autism whose letter to Santa Claus I printed last week. He asked Santa for the same thing he's asked for every year: a computer, to help him communicate with the outside world.

What you might not know is that besides running my column in the Hills papers, I also put it online on the BMUG (short for Berkeley Macintosh Users Group) bulletin board. A bunch of BMUGers who like to refurbish old computers and give them to needy people read Nathan's story and asked me for his address.

I'm sure you can guess the rest: When I got home Friday night, I found a message on my voice mail from Nathan's mother. She had called to thank me for the small part I played in getting her son his

computer.

"Nathan's heart is just glowing," she said. "It's something he's been wanting for a long time. It'll be really, really wonderful for him. It's hard for him to communicate directly with people, he's able to communicate much better in writing. It's really exciting for him, and for me because it makes him so happy. It'll open up a world for him that he wouldn't have otherwise."

She was in tears as she left the message, and I was in tears listening to it. The hassles and aggravation of the last three days instantly fell away, and I suddenly felt truly happy and at peace.

Did I say last week that football from Bob Heyden was the best present I ever got? The best present I got was that telephone message from Nathan's mom, because it reminded me of the true meaning of Christmas.

Hey, after all is said and I did finally get to L.A. that night, didn't I? And the present for my friends in Washington will eventually turn up. And call my sister and patch this with her.

The only thing that really matters is that Nathan got a computer.

Many thanks to Santa and high-tech elves — Ian Curran, Peter Adler, Jean Sirius, Ron Briggs, Karin Hart, Chris Ed Ochi, Jim Scanlon, Mike McMillan, Gretchen Brewer, Jeremy Falk and Alan Carr for making Nathan's Christmas (and mine) so merry.

As Tiny Tim said, "God us all, every one."

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## Trial

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had failed to inform Corrigan that her daughter's mounting weight was life-threatening. He said the only treatment options offered to Corrigan — diet and exercise — did not work for Christina, leaving the mother with the impression that nothing could be gained by further consultation with medical professionals.

In response to questions by Deputy District Attorney Brian Haynes, Ray said Corrigan had missed over a dozen appointments in 1990 and 1991 with Kaiser dieti-

cians assigned to monitor Christina's weight.

Kaiser's records show Christina last visited a doctor at the HMO in June of 1992, Ray said.

No jury was called to decide the case, in a move Arnason suggested earlier this month. Cardoza agreed that jurors might respond emotionally to photos of Christina's body and want to "blame somebody."

Although Corrigan could receive a maximum of six years in prison if she is convicted, prosecutors have indicated they would seek a lighter sentence.



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What is an appraiser and how do they make all that money for 10 minutes work?

The question distills the feelings of many people who have about the appraisal profession. From the point of view of the typical homeowner, an appraiser is someone who shows up for a ten minute walk-through of your property, collects 100 bucks (or more) and calls a lender with a favorable opinion of the value of your home.

The appraiser is making your home worth more than you'll get for it. Other than that, you may be out of luck.

Let's take a walk

Let's look at that 10-minute walk-through. Home inspections are both exterior measurement and observation as well as interior. If the appraiser is inside your home for ten minutes, he may not have five to 20 minutes to do a fact most home inspections take 30 minutes to an hour.

The experienced appraiser may have inspected homes with your type of floorplan on scores of occasions and along with a few precise measurements can quickly gather enough information to render an accurate scale drawing of your home complete with placement of interior walls.

### A concerned and well-informed appraiser can often be the difference between a perfectly good loan being granted or denied.

At the same time, the home's condition, the quantity and quality of ongoing maintenance, and any functional or external inadequacies are obvious to the practiced eye. Functional inadequacy results from such things as an out-of-date kitchen, a bedroom or main bathroom accessible only through another bedroom, or an over-improvement such as an in-ground swimming pool or a second family room.

Location close to a noisy freeway is just one example of an external inadequacy.

#### Merely the tip

The walk-through is truly the tip of the iceberg. The appraisal process begins with a telephone or in-person interview with you about your home as well as thorough preliminary research of recent home sales and listings in your neighborhood.

In the language of appraisal, these sales and listings are called 'comps', short for comparable properties, and your home is referred to as the 'subject'. If the appraiser knows in advance that there is something unique about your home such as a finished basement area or design by a historically significant architect, additional research will have been done to find homes exhibiting that characteristic, however far one has to go to find them. A lot has been added to that ten minute walk-through!

Having made a sketch of your home, computed its size and noted its salient characteristics the appraiser is now in a position to select an appropriate supply of comps from the data already collected. If during the inspection the appraiser learns of something that would affect the value of your home, a return visit to the office for more research may be in order.

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#### Taking a drive

The appraiser drives by all possible comps for the purpose of exterior inspection, making notes on condition and location and photographing them. Returning to the office, phone calls will be made to agents and other parties involved in these transactions to confirm observations or to gather further information about the properties and/or financial aspects of the transactions. Often, property information from several sources is in conflict and it is the appraiser's task to determine the true state of affairs by means of research, experience and good judgement.

Next, the appraiser writes a detailed report with several addenda including copies of parcel and neighborhood maps as well as photographs of your home and the best comps available (at least three and usually four or five are required for a well-supported argument in favor of the appraised value).

#### Determining value

Every effort is made to substantiate the appraiser's opinion of market value. This value conclusion is not based in any way on the personal or architectural preferences

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## 30-year fixed falls below 7 % mark

On Dec. 24 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage stood at 6.99 down 8 basis points from last week's average of 7.07 percent.

This is the lowest the 30-year rate has averaged since the week ending Feb. 16 when it stood at 6.94 percent.

In the fourth week of Dec. 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 7.64 percent.

The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.53 percent this week, rising 2 basis point from last week's average of 5.51 percent.

A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.57 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing market, fell 8 basis points from last week's average of 6.65 to 6.57 percent.

This rate has not been lower since Feb. 16, 1996 when it averaged 6.44 percent. This time last year this rate averaged 7.21 percent.

"Interest rates continue their downward drift because of concerns about the effect troubled Asian markets could have on our own economy," said Freddie Mac senior economist Donald S. Bradley.

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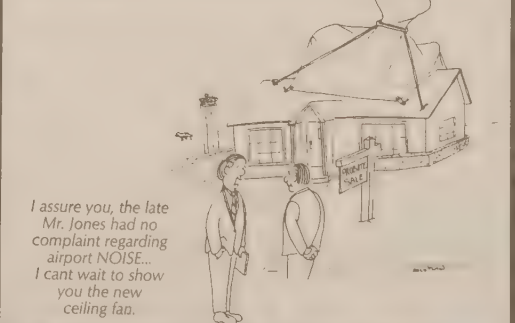
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of the appraiser. Rather it is a carefully reasoned value based on recent real estate activity of properties similar to yours.

If homes like yours are selling well at good values, you should have a relatively high appraised value. If not, the market is saying something else to you. A good appraisal is an unbiased report by a disinterested professional of how current and recent buyers and sellers would value your home were you to place it on the market.

The completed appraisal is packaged and transmitted to the mortgage agent with three sets of photographs and takes on a life of its own. (It must be admitted that there are a complete range of skill levels among appraisers and it is always wise to personally read the appraisal report when it becomes available.)

## Minute and hostile

During its life, which is typically three months, the appraisal report may be subjected to minute and hostile examination by any one of several lenders and their staff reviewers. The sole purpose of the reviewer may be to uncover inflated appraised values presented for the purpose of obtaining what in their view would be dangerously high loan amounts.

For this period of time, the appraiser may have to answer inquiries from several lenders about any aspect of the report. These answers may be by telephone but are usually required in writing and can be quite extensive. In my own experience, I have had to answer several challenges from some of the nation's best known lenders. These challenges may contain erroneous information.

The only way to deal with them properly is to spend the time and effort required to research and refute the data point by point in a lengthy letter, thereby ensuring the borrower the best chance of securing the requested loan.

A concerned and well-informed appraiser can often be the difference between a perfectly good loan being granted or denied. This is especially true during periods of sudden fluctuation in financial markets which may prompt lenders to peruse loan applications with extreme niceness in response to short term financial restrictions.

For the appraiser with professional pride and a commitment to customer service, the time spent fielding these requests during the loan process is just as much a part

and cost of doing business as the appraisal process itself. It should be noted that the appraiser can only adequately defend an appraisal that has been properly researched and reasoned in the first place. A value that starts out too high cannot be defended and in most cases will not result in a loan.

## Cost of doing business

Appraisers have several overhead costs which may not be obvious to the typical homeowner. First, state licensing and ongoing education requirements require continual outlays of time and money. Errors and Omissions insurance to deal with legal suits brought by both borrowers and lenders is also a must.

Further fees are required for both online and in-house information services such as Multiple Listing Service for current market data, and Metrosan or TRW-REDI for parcel maps, census tract information, and sales confirmation.

Other printed or CD-ROM material for special purposes such as two-to-four-unit income properties are also required for the maintenance of a full range of customer products. Occasional trips to local building departments to check for permits can be very time consuming but are also part of the job.

It may be well to think of the appraiser as an unbiased professional who can be of great benefit to you in obtaining a well-secured loan. In the everyday world, we all have a natural economic self-interest and sentimental attachments which can make it impossible to see the present value our own home.

The appraisal can provide us with accurate information on the current value of our property which may be of great benefit in future financial planning.

## In other words

Looking at the appraisal process as a whole, it is clear that it takes many hours and can extend over several months with the appraiser as the defender of his opinion of value and sometimes the champion of the borrower. In the end, a good appraiser wants to work with the borrower to ensure the accurate description of all factors which may contribute to value.

Rewording the title of this article to read "What is an appraiser and why do they do all that work for a flat fee?" is perhaps a more accurate reflection of the true state of affairs.

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## Area Home Sales

### ALBANY

1221 Brighton #3 - \$110,000  
837 Carmel Ave. - \$339,000  
837 Hillside Ave. - \$350,000  
646 Santa Fe Ave. - \$235,000  
1496 Sonoma Ave. - \$232,000

### BERKELEY

2730 Belrose Ave. - \$663,000  
1905 Bonita Ave. - \$175,000  
1731 Channing Way - \$220,000  
559 Colusa Ave. - \$265,000  
1371 Curtis St. - \$166,500  
815 Delaware #26 - \$159,000  
46 Delmar Ave. - \$355,000  
2600 Etna St. #3 - \$120,500  
1015 Grand View - \$82,000  
1086 Grand View - \$507,000  
1210 Grizzly Peak - \$860,000  
1217 Henry St. - \$370,000  
2515 Hilgard #1 - \$285,000  
1215 Josephine St. - \$325,000  
1545 Josephine St. - \$272,500  
1542 Le Roy Ave. - \$755,000  
2930 Magnolia St. - \$423,000  
2828 Milvia St. - \$216,000  
3010 Stanton St. - \$112,000  
632 Vincente Ave. - \$501,000

### EL CERRITO

6509 Canyon Ter. - \$221,500  
210 Carmel Ave. - \$254,000  
6923 Central Ave. - \$139,000  
1327 Navellier St. - \$258,000  
105 Santa Fe Ave. - \$329,000

### EL SOBRANTE

5595 Deer Run Dr. - \$215,000  
837 Juanita Dr. - \$140,000  
5550 Olinda Rd. - \$350,000  
5801 Olinda Rd. - \$742,000

### EMERYVILLE

1285 62nd St. - \$145,000  
6363 Christie #2021 - \$110,000  
4 Commodore #228D - \$108,000  
6 Commodore #241C - \$78,500  
4 Commodore #341D - \$96,000  
6 Commodore #350C - \$140,000  
5 Commodore #409B - \$166,000

### KENSINGTON

79 Arlington Ave. - \$254,000

### OAKLAND

1750 101st Ave. - \$112,000  
2001 105th Ave. - \$128,000  
2432 109th Ave. - \$146,000  
1903 12th Ave. - \$115,000  
1730 28th Ave. - \$132,000  
2274 39th Ave. - \$122,000  
1629 41st Ave. - \$125,000  
382 43rd St. - \$167,000  
722 55th St. - \$159,500  
2017 84th Ave. - \$103,000  
1508 88th Ave. - \$90,000  
1532 98th Ave. - \$120,000  
14 Alida Ct. - \$278,000  
3836 Allendale Ave. - \$116,000  
90 Anair Way - \$152,000  
2608 Bartlett St. - \$116,000  
5508 Brookdale Ave. - \$110,000  
4055 Brown Ave. - \$170,000  
5358 Bryant Ave. - \$272,500  
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2627 Charleston St. - \$279,000

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5264 Shafter Ave. - \$278,000  
3121 Suter St. - \$120,000  
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#### ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 5

LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$253,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$253,000

#### BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 20  
LOWEST PRICE: \$82,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$860,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$341,000

#### EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$139,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$240,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$240,000

#### EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$140,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$742,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$361,000

#### EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$78,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$126,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$126,000

#### KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$254,000

#### OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 80  
LOWEST PRICE: \$53,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$987,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$206,000

#### PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$618,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,515,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$946,000

#### RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 26  
LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$265,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$150,000

#### SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 27  
LOWEST PRICE: \$95,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$347,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$179,200

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TOTAL SALES: 6  
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ological Networking, mem-  
which left the council cham-  
1996 veritably fuming over  
s fortune telling ordinance  
turned during spring with a  
of their own. With few pen-  
that the stars might turn against  
they chose to fight, council  
swallowed hard, killed the  
funding requirement and re-  
AFAN members "alternative  
ants," though they will always  
are tellers to us.

#### le High is born

ical members may have felt  
through the early months of  
but a balanced budget —  
ate so full of previously laid

plans — led them into what, quite  
frankly, has been a ho-hum summer  
and fall in city politics. Taking up  
the slack, however, were members of  
the Board of Education, who managed to  
produce a letter-to-the-editor writing  
frenzy not seen since the early days  
of the cardroom with their plan to  
simultaneously rebuild the high  
school and middle school.

They were lambasted, belittled,  
criticized and second-guessed, but if  
any writing was on the wall, board  
members did not read it. Leading the  
charge was the city's "independent  
voice," then-mayor Bob Good, who  
likewise received his share of abuse.

Of course, the school board would  
not be dissuaded, and promptly con-  
demned the high school and rebuilt it  
in Memorial Park. Though objections  
as to the middle school portion of the  
plan may be as valid as ever, Good's  
main criticism — planning to build a

school that one doesn't have the  
money for — dropped off the table  
when the state decided it would shell  
out the much-needed millions after  
all.

#### Ladbroke buys in, Village changes planned

Oh, and in case anyone other than  
Ladbroke and CRG has been paying  
attention, the city received not one  
but two legal spankings on that front  
in 1997, one from an appellate court  
in August and another, more recently,  
when the Supreme Court declined to  
overrule the appellate decision. Now,  
a new set of trials is coming, and  
although hazarding a guess as to the  
eventual outcome might be dicey, the  
cardroom is down, folks, and won't  
be getting up again any time soon.

Not that the pricey legal battle cut  
too deeply into Ladbroke's wallet,  
for in April, Albany's favorite Brit-

ish-based gaming giant was able to  
pony up the \$33 million-or-so it took  
to make the racetrack property its  
own. With a new, extra-bright light  
system and an even brighter philoso-  
phy — "Team Member Spirit!" — to  
lead the way, Ladbroke, it seems, is  
in Albany for the long haul, which is  
more than can be said for the  
property's former owner, Catellus  
Development Corp., which, just this  
December, received a six-figure prop-  
erty transfer tax bill as a parting ges-  
ture from Treasurer Kim Denton.

Youth programs — from the Al-  
bany Summer Corps to the Albany  
Police Activities League — popped  
up faster than ever before, while the  
Albany Hill cross went down, popped  
back up again, and appears to be  
standing tall.

Those grouchy citizens a certain  
departed mayor once groused about  
seem to have disappeared into the

hills, replaced by a band of Marin  
Avenue residents who sang the City  
Council's praises earlier this month  
when they asked for slower traffic  
and, lo and behold, received.

University Village residents, not  
to mention Little League, soccer and  
softball boosters, found themselves  
wondering what their new village will  
look like with big plans scheduled for  
1998. Although no plans are as yet set  
in stone (are they ever?), the con-  
cerned parties will certainly fare bet-  
ter than their neighbors at the squat-  
ter's camps on the Union Pacific rail-  
road tracks, whose homes were bull-  
dozed into barren piles of mud in  
November and will most likely never  
return again.

Though they might not be much  
for cramming their council cham-  
bers, Albany residents did show some  
faith in their city when, in June, they  
approved a \$30.84 Emergency Medi-

cal Services assessment by a whop-  
ping 92.7 percent. Pierce Street re-  
sidents fought for — and received —  
restored bus service, while St. Alban's  
church turned 60, Albany United  
Methodist turned 90, and the  
treehouse, well, it hasn't even turned  
1 yet, although if its owner has his  
way, the structure will outlast the city  
itself.

Which brings us to where we  
started — an Albany with none of the  
turmoil it began in 1997, a ter-  
rible time for newspapers, perhaps,  
but a good one for everyone else.  
With 1998 just beginning, though,  
city residents might just want to heed  
Mayor Bruce Mast's advice and "keep  
and eye on those ballfields," or, if  
they find themselves strolling on Sol-  
ano Avenue, to heed ours: watch your  
step, beware of smiling bulldozers,  
and remember, construction can be  
fun.

# AUTO SALES AND SERVICES

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## at of Gas...



Karen Senzig

ly it snowed.  
a week of exploring  
orth coast' of America,  
visiting my sister and  
nly this Christmas, we  
didn't see a bit of white  
ot that we didn't drive  
the place looking for  
ster lives just outside  
eland, Ohio in a little  
called Willoughby. It

was a perfect starting point  
for all the places we wanted  
to see and what we thought  
was a probable White  
Christmas location.

Day two we headed out to  
Niagara Falls in Ontario,  
Canada. Interstate 90 took us  
by Erie, Pennsylvania (the  
place my parents escaped  
from when they discovered  
Southern California), and  
through Buffalo, New York —  
the center of the snowbelt.

My sister's 1994  
Volkswagon Jetta handled  
the road with ease, especially  
when you consider it was  
hauling four adults with a  
combined weight in excess of  
800 pounds (not to mention  
our luggage).

Just about everybody drives  
later model cars in this coun-  
try. The older cars simply rust

away. The engines break  
down, the doors and fenders  
break off.

In Buffalo, we took a quick  
side trip to "collect" Rich  
Stadium, home of the Buffalo  
Bills and tundra football. My  
husband Scott collects base-  
ball and football stadiums. He  
has been playing this game  
for years with friends who are  
pro sports fanatics and he has  
by far the largest collection.  
To count, Scott has to get at  
least into the parking lot —  
inside the stadium is even  
better.

Buffalo, being deep in the  
snowbelt still had mounds of  
unmelted snow at Rich  
Stadium's parking lot from a  
previous storm.

Did I mention how cold it  
was? Earlier in the day some  
of the snow had melted and  
later refrozen in large sheets.  
Either the salt had worn away  
or perhaps it was an

untreated section of that huge  
empty parking lot.

Since we were planning  
later in the trip to rent a car to  
go on Columbus (to visit a  
nephew) and Canton (The  
NFL Hall of Fame), my sis-  
ter's husband Bob allowed us  
to drive the Jetta so that we  
could get the feeling of driv-  
ing on ice. The Jetta has good  
control rolling on the slippery  
stuff, probably due to the  
front wheel drive. Braking  
becomes an art form, since  
even the lightest tap can send  
the car spinning.

Bob instructed us to down-  
shift, which is fine unless  
you're driving a rental with  
an automatic transmission.  
After experiencing the  
"feel" of rubber on ice, we  
decided that driving in the  
snow must be more difficult  
than it looks.

Back on the highway once  
again, we crossed into Canada

on the "Peace Bridge" (Co-  
mmemorating U.S. peace  
with Canada since after the  
War of 1812) over the Niagara  
River as it exits Lake Erie and  
makes it's way to the Falls.

The Canadian highways  
surprised me. They were  
much better maintained than  
those in Pennsylvania and  
New York. The maximum  
speed limit in Ontario on the  
highways is 100 kilometers  
per hour (roughly 60 miles  
per hour). I don't think any of  
the Canadian drivers knew  
that.

During the time we spent  
on the Canadian thruways  
(which are a lot like California  
freeways) on our way to  
Niagara Falls and Toronto, we  
didn't see a driver going  
below 75 miles per hour, and  
these roads were icy. Fortu-  
nately, brother-in-law  
Bob has driven in this stuff all  
of this life and was up to the  
challenge.

Needless to say, Niagara  
Falls lived up to it's billing as  
a natural wonder of the  
world. Toronto was okay, just  
another big city on a great big

lake; but Scott did pick up  
another ballpark.

One place I would recom-  
mend to anyone who drives  
to Niagara Falls is not to miss  
the little town of Niagara on  
the Lake.

The drive from the Falls  
through the gorge to the town  
of Niagara on the Lake is  
nearly as delightful as the  
Falls themselves. The town  
has a village atmosphere, sur-  
rounded by vineyards and  
wineries with quaint places to  
stay and great dining.

We have had some other  
great adventures on this trip.  
Cleveland itself is interesting  
to motor around in. Drivers  
there seem even more aggres-  
sive than those in San  
Francisco, but fortunately we  
survived without experienc-  
ing any of the "road rage"  
that we were warned was  
epidemic on the Cleveland  
streets. No snow either.

Finally it snowed, or it is  
snowing as I file this story  
here in Columbus I'm not  
sure I want to get back into  
our 1997 Geo Prism rental — at  
least not until it stops

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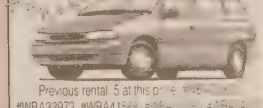
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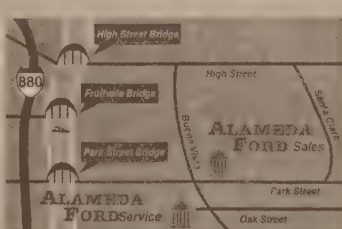
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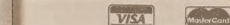
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## Ringing in the new year

**Jerry Rigging:** Happy New Year. I'm such an  
 exciting, partying kinda guy I take part in the  
 Audubon bird census on New Year's Day — I am  
 not making this up, as Dave Barry says. It proves  
 I'm a birdbrain, something many of you already  
 knew. Still, don't knock it if you haven't tried it.  
 Long-time KPIX-TV general manager Harry Fuller  
 is an avid birder, and he told me for years what fun  
 the bird count was. (And Harry's no birdbrain — he  
 made more money running Channel 5 than most of  
 us will see in a lifetime.) So what to do next New  
 Year's Day for excitement? If I'm not birding, I'll  
 probably be down at East Bay MUD, watching the  
 flow meters.

Still, I did get one New Year's wish early —  
**Jerry Seinfeld** announced he's pulling the plug on  
 his show. Which is fine, but it's about two years  
 late. That once-wonderful show is often painful to  
 watch now. If Seinfeld truly wanted to "go out on  
 top," as he stated at his NBC press conference, he  
 should have exited back when series co-creator and  
 talented head writer **Larry David** "ankled," as Daily  
 Variety would say.

Will there be a "Seinfeld" spin-off? Count on it.  
 There were already ideas for a "Kramer" series  
 starring **Michael Richards** kicking around NBC  
 years ago — long before the show was in trouble  
 and years before the co-stars' salary feuds. I'd bet  
 even odds you'll see "Kramer" — or something like  
 it — next fall. NBC has too much money tied up in  
 the "Seinfeld" ratings phenomenon to let Richards,  
**Jason Alexander**, or **Julia Louis-Dreyfus** just drift  
 off. And during May sweeps you can also expect a  
 huge, "Cheers"-like "Seinfeld" last-episode send-  
 off.

One final prediction: If the spin-off happens, the  
 Kramer character will soon become unrecognizable.  
 Richards' role has already become "wacky" and far-  
 fetched this season. If he gets a spin-off, Kramer  
 could become a cartoon character, and his spin-off  
 will literally be a show about nothing.

**Changes at Channel 2:** There's little turnover in  
 the news department at Oakland's KTVU. (Can you  
 name even one former Channel 2 reporter working  
 at another local station? I can't.) So when there's a  
 change in personnel, especially someone in a key  
 position, it causes KTVU news staffers to worry  
 about the possible decline of one of the country's  
 best newscasts.

You probably don't recognize the name **Earl Frounfelter**. It's just been announced he'll leaving  
 KTVU to become news director at KRON-owned  
 BayTV. The super-bright, somewhat gruff  
 Frounfelter has been Executive Producer at "The  
 10:00 News" since 1988. He'll be missed. As E.P.,  
 Earl was the guy in the hot seat — the person who  
 decided, among many other things, which stories  
 were to be included in that first-rate newscast and  
 what their position would be on the show. And night  
 after night, Earl, guided by his sound news  
 judgement, usually made the right calls. Even when  
 I was working at KTVU, I heard little grumbling or  
 second-guessing about Earl's news judgement, and I  
 include myself. Other producers on other newscasts  
 get second-guessed far more often.

At about a minute to 10 each weeknight, the  
 short, bearded and always-intense Frounfelter would  
 dash out of his little newsroom office and head  
 down to Master Control, from where he would  
 oversee the newscast. And just as inevitably,  
 something would go wrong at the last — or worst  
 possible — minute. A satellite link would disappear  
 and a critical live shot would be lost. Or a crucial



Bill Mann

piece of tape footage would still not have arrived at  
 KTVU. Or there'd be a power failure. Such were the  
 crises Earl had to deal with virtually every night. So  
 many things can go wrong when you're doing live  
 television.

And when something did go amiss, a phone  
 would ring immediately at the assignment desk or a  
 writer's cubicle. It would be Earl, venting and  
 hurling an always - impressive and colorful stream  
 of profanity at the Gods or the first person available.  
 Staffers would get angry messages on their  
 computer screens from Earl. But it was just Earl  
 being Earl. Everybody not only expected it, but  
 many of us secretly loved it. Watching the  
 resourceful Frounfelter react to these nightly crises  
 was great, if edgy, entertainment. It's hard to  
 imagine the stress level he dealt with nightly —  
 usually with success.

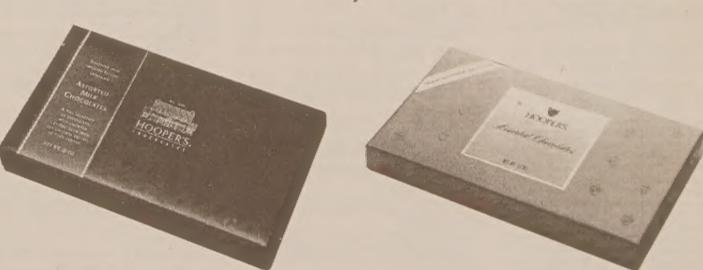
And while KPIX might be leading its 10:00  
 newscast with a silly story about a nudie-bar raid or  
 a bust at a puppy mill, not Earl. He'd go with a  
 REAL news story. Oaklander Frounfelter, despite  
 his gruff exterior (and he intimidates the hell out of  
 some people) has a rich, dark and cynical sense of  
 humor that was shared by many coworkers. He is  
 also singularly well-informed, and has an  
 impressive recall of details like names, dates,  
 countries, etc. He'll be missed at KTVU. It's a real  
 coup for Bay-TV chief **Jeanette Gidter** to lure Earl  
 away.

So who'll replace Frounfelter in the crucial role  
 of deciding what gets put where on that newscast  
 or if it gets on the air at all? The apparent successor  
 is KTVU weekend producer **Mike Kelly**, a one-time  
 KRON news staffer, a bright guy and a fine  
 producer. Kelly would be the best choice. I also  
 rarely second-guessed Kelly's news calls when I  
 worked with him. KTVU's 10:00 news shouldn't  
 change that much (if at all) if and when Kelly gets  
 the E.P. gig — something for which many viewers  
 should be thankful.

But one of these days, probably in the not-too-  
 distant future, Channel 2's 60-ish KTVU news  
 director **Fred Zehnder**, who's made the KTVU  
 news operation such a class act, will decide to retire.  
 Those will be huge shoes to fill, and some of the  
 names I'm now hearing bandied about by KTVU  
 staffers do give one reason to be apprehensive.  
 There's only one 2 — and only one Fred Zehnder.  
 Still, for the time being, KTVU's news department  
 seems in good shape — even after losing someone  
 with Frounfelter's impressive experience and talent.

**KRON Anchor's Away:** Another good move by  
 KRON News: Cutting loose nondescript weekend  
 anchor **James Hattori** recently and giving the job  
 back to the guy he replaced, genial and bright  
 newsman **Tom Sinkovitz**. Sinkovitz is one of  
 KRON's top anchors, and Hattori, a CBS import,  
 was far better-suited to reporting. One KRON  
 newsroom insider says, "Sinkovitz is seen by a lot of  
 people here, including himself presumably, as the  
 heir apparent to **Pete Wilson**. But I see no signs that  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7099  
The Name of the Business:  
Truth Triumphant International, 265 Camelback Rd. Apt. 119, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
is registered by the following owner:  
Michael John Thompson, 265 Camelback Rd. #119, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 22, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 14, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7060  
The Name of the Business:  
JLS Enterprises, 411 Pomona St., Crockett, CA 94525 P.O. Box 53, Crockett, CA 94525  
is registered by the following owner:  
John Lawrence Stong, 411 Pomona St., Crockett, CA 94525  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 13, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 13, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7121  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) HUI Financial and Insurance 2) G.D. Harmony Realty, 4773 Bruno Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803  
is registered by the following owner:  
Wing Hee Hui, 4773 Bruno Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 17, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 17, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7046  
The Name of the Business:  
Savrey Electric, 2925 Monument Blvd. #167, Concord, CA 94520.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Vladimir Yurich, 2925 Monument Blvd. #167, Concord, CA 94520.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 12, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 12, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7141  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) Brenda's Crafty Obsession 2) Brenda's Infant Toddler Cares, 2451 Mallard Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
are registered by the following owner:  
Brenda Johnson, 2451 Mallard Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 18, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 18, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7350  
The Name of the Business:  
A Perfect Balance Skin Care & Day Spa, 1941 Oak Park Blvd., Suite 70, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Joanne LaBerge, 509 Arch St., Martinez, CA 94553  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 26, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 26, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7129  
The Name of the Business:  
JCR Travel & Marketing Int'l., 4960 Mesa Ridge Dr., Antioch, CA 94509-8010.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Celerino G. Benasre, 4960 Mesa Ridge Dr., Antioch, CA 94509-8010.  
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 17, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 17, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7195  
The Name of the Business:  
L & M Auto Sales & Service, 420 N. Buchanan Cir., #103, Pacheco, CA 94553.  
is registered by the following owners:  
Lloyd John Stokes, 4399 N. Willow Glen Ct., Concord, CA 94521.  
Mary C. Stokes, 4399 N. Willow Glen Ct., Concord, CA 94521.  
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 19, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 19, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7127  
The Name of the Business:  
Hillcrest Management, 104 Brookside Road, Orinda, CA 94563.  
is registered by the following owners:  
Diane E. Bowman, 104 Brookside Road, Orinda, CA 94563.  
Gregg D. Bowman, 104 Brookside Road, Orinda, CA 94563.  
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7058  
The Name of the Business:  
Global Image Consulting, 440 Scout Place, Danville, CA 94526.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Ryan Bevers, 440 Scout Place, Danville, CA 94526.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 13, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 13, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7265  
The Name of the Business:  
Parrington Concierge, 1200 Brickway Way, #110, Point Richmond, CA 94801.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Bonnie Harvey Schofield, 1200 Brickway Way #110, Point Richmond, CA 94801.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 1, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 21, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7393

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The Name of the Business:  
International Works and Services, 1564 Fitzgerald Drive, Pinole, CA 94564  
is registered by the following owner:  
Yusef-Lan J. Yen, 346 O'Neill Circle, Hercules, 94547.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 1, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 1, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7385  
The Name of the Business:  
Athena Fine Art Purveyors, 54 La Encinal, Orinda, CA 94563 P.O. Box 2171, Orinda, CA 94563  
is registered by the following owners:  
Carlos Saura, 54 La Encinal, Orinda, CA 94563.  
Karen Saura, 54 La Encinal, Orinda, CA 94563.  
This business is conducted by individuals - husband and wife.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 1, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 1, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6997  
The Name of the Business:  
Superior Court Services, 1735 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Capital Harbor Corp., Inc. California  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 5, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 10, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7279  
The Name of the Business:  
True Vision, 1502 Richmond Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Peter Daniels, 1502 Richmond Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 24, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 24, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7067  
The Name of the Business:  
Waggin' Tails Petting Zoo, 12411 Newell Ave., Suite 238, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
is registered by the following owners:  
Kandis S. Knox, 708 Oak Grove Road B-306, Concord, CA 94516.  
Michael E. Vega, 5161 Hickory Street, Cypress, CA 90630.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 4, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 13, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7152  
The Name of the Business:  
Millennium Construction Group, 1110 Burnett Ave., Suite J, Concord, CA 94520.  
is registered by the following owner:  
RTJ Enterprises, Inc. California  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 24, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 18, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7255  
The Name of the Business:  
Oak Creek Counseling Center, 39 Quail Court #108, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
is registered by the following owner:  
Center for Self & Relational Therapy, 15 Kelton Ct., Oakland, CA 94611.  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 24, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 24, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7230  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) Wedding Pages, Golden Sierra Merchandisers, 1901 Kingley Crt., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
are registered by the following owner:  
Diane E. Bowman, 104 Brookside Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94563.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 20, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 20, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7191  
The Name of the Business:  
Hillside Technology Group, 507 Azores Circle, Bay Point, CA 94565.  
is registered by the following owner:  
John W. Charles III, 507 Azores Circle, Bay Point, CA 94565.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 21, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 21, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7191  
The Name of the Business:  
A Legacy Piano Resales, 36 Beta Ct. B-8, San Ramon, CA 94583.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Mary Mackie, 4001 W. Lakeshore, San Ramon, CA 94583.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 19, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 19, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7253  
The Name of the Business:  
Busy Digital, 3519 Tanager Circle, Concord, CA 94520.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Dawn C. Hernandez, 3519 Tanager Circle, Concord, CA 94520.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 11, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 11, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7174  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) The Costume Corner 2) The Academy of Dance 3) Dance Academy 4) The Clubhouse 5) The Academy Show Shop, 5145 Sorrento Ave., El Sobrante, CA 94803.  
are registered by the following owner:  
Susan Amacker, 753 Manor Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 18, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 18, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7160  
The Name of the Business:  
LP Business Records, 3311 Clinton Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Lillian Flores Pires, 3311 Clinton Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 18, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 18, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7156  
The Name of the Business:  
Coanvations, P.O. Box 1882, Orinda, CA 94563.  
is registered by the following owners:  
Ron Romano, 21 Los Arcos, Orinda, CA 94563.  
Robin Edling, 1668 Granada Dr., Concord, CA 94515.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 18, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 18, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7156  
Notice of Trustee's Sale FCL No. 9607 On January 8, 1997 at 3:00 a.m. of said day Outside the Main Entrance to the public library located at 42 Irwin Way, in the City of Orinda in the County of Contra Costa California, California Public Trust Deeds, Inc., as duly appointed trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California and described as follows: Common Address: 1855 Carson Blvd., Richmond, CA 94801 A.P.N. 507-400-004 Said sale to be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Alice M. Lucy, Trustee of the Alice M. Lucy Revocable Living Trust, dated 11/13/91 as trustors, dated January 21, 1997 and recorded January 31, 1997 as Document No. 97-01695 in the office of the Contra Costa County Recorder. The amount owing on the subject obligation is Principal \$70,000.00 Interest \$3,885.60, Late Charges \$787.50, Advances \$ ; Attorney's Fees \$2,800.00, Costs \$1,664.28, Credit \$ (51,741.29) You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated January 21, 1997, Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. Dated: December 8, 1997 California Trust Deeds, Inc., 125 12th Street, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94607-4312 (510)444-320 Herb Lubowitz, Vice President 6287955 12/18, 12/25, 1997 1/1 1998

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7563  
The Name of the Business:  
I/GAM, 2480 Warren Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Marion Hunter, 2480 Warren Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 3, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 3, 1997.  
The Journal December 18, 25, 1997, January 1, 1998.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7563  
The Name of the Business:  
I/GAM, 2480 Warren Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
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Marion Hunter, 2480 Warren Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 3, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 3, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7148  
The Name of the Business:  
RAY-K-R Environmental Research Services, 204 Heatherwood Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565  
is registered by the following owner:  
Vette Kay Jackson, 204 Heatherwood Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
Robert Mitchell Hayford, 971 Ventura Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
Rizza Mallari Rayford, 971 Ventura Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 18, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 18, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7394  
The Name of the Business:  
Sharon's Accurate Enterprises, 180 Golf Club Rd., Suite 258, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
is registered by the following owner:  
Sharon A. Hasey, 250 Barnett Terrace, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 1, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 1, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7527  
The Name of the Business:  
National Dealer Services, 310 Warren Street, Martinez, CA 94553.  
is registered by the following owner:  
William Earl Newton, 310 Warren Street, Martinez, CA 94553.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 1, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 8, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7422  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) Chemco Design Company 2) Connexys, 3075 Research Drive, Richmond, CA 94806.  
are registered by the following owners:  
John J. Mentli, 3158 Blackhawk Meadow Dr., Danville, CA 94505.  
Michael Mentli, 3158 Blackhawk Meadow Dr., Danville, CA 94506.  
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 1, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 1, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7617  
The Name of the Business:  
A Carpet Concierge, 1591 B Pleasant Hill Rd., Lafayette, CA 94596.  
is registered by the following owners:  
Joseph M. Cowen, 421 Sutcliffe Pl., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.  
Tori G. Cowen, 421 Sutcliffe Pl., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.  
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 11, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 11, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7356  
The Name of the Business:  
Uncle Wong Chinese Restaurant, 2005 B Main St., Oakley, CA 94561.  
is registered by the following owners:  
Henry Jia Huang, 1224 40th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601.  
Jia Liang Huang, 1224 40th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 26, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 26, 1997.  
The Journal December 25, 1997, January 1, 1998.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7493  
The Name of the Business:  
Sincerely Skin Face & Body Care, 1782 Clearbrook, Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Celestine Nesbeth, 1782 Clearbrook St., Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 4, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 4, 1997.  
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#### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Uncle Wong, 2005 B Main St., Oakley, CA 94561.  
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the Contra Costa County on August 7, 1997 under file number 97-4785.  
Huang, Henry, 1224 40th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601.  
Luo, Jian G., 530 Brussels St., San Francisco, CA 94134.  
This business was conducted by a general partnership.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 21, 1997.  
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#### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 93-4012  
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Shelling Personnel Services, 2175 North California, Suite 620, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the Contra Costa County on June 30, 1993 under file number 93-4012.  
Dormar, Inc., State of California.  
This business was conducted by a corporation.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 26, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7419  
The Name of the Business:  
Little Feather Kneeling Service, 1780 Detroit Ave. #15, Concord, CA 94520.  
is registered by the following owners:  
Peter D. McLaughlin, 1780 Detroit Ave. #15, Concord, CA 94520.  
Ana Aurea Dykman, 1780 Detroit Ave. #15, Concord, CA 94520.  
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 2, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 2, 1997.  
The Journal December 25, 1997, January 1, 1998.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7624  
The Name of the Business:  
Plant Technology & Equipment, 904 Wright Ave. #3, Richmond, CA 94804.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Peter D. McLaughlin, 904 Wright Ave. #3, Richmond, CA 94804.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 11, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 11, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7459  
The Name of the Business:  
Extra Car Rental, 2311 Salvia St., Concord, CA 94520.  
is registered by the following owner:  
Richard Phillip Paduoli, 1019 Marie Ave., Martinez, CA 94553.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 3, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 3, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7430  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) Sucker Punch Records 2) Sucker Punch Songs 3) Sucker Punch Records, 745 Balra, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
are registered by the following owners:  
Paul Britt, 324 B Connecticut St., San Francisco, CA 94107.  
Christopher Ash Moorhead, 816 Galvin Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
David Irving, 745 Balra, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
Adam Ross, 275 Ridgeway Ave. #1, Oakland, CA 94611.  
David Black, 237 A Sanchez St., San Francisco, CA 94107.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 4, 1997.  
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 4, 1997.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7430  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) Sucker Punch Records 2) Sucker Punch Songs 3) Sucker Punch Records, 745 Balra, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
are registered by the following owners:  
Paul Britt, 324 B Connecticut St., San Francisco, CA 9